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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.
AFTER A LULL OF SOME DAYS, THE MANNERHEIM LINE (KARELIAN ISTHMUS SECTOR) HAS AGAIN FLARED INTO ACTIVITY, WITH THE RED ARMY TAKING THE INITIATIVE IN A SERIES OF VIOLENT ASSAULTS.

The new offensive was preceded by a violent artillery bombardment and Viborg was again the target of heavy guns which dropped shells into the city with monotonous regularity from a distance of about 25 miles.

Despite the bitterly cold weather, the infantry attacks were on a large scale and the battle continues to rage, although the small progress achieved by the Russians has cost them heavily in casualties.

AIR RAIDS

The Soviet also carried out large-scale air raids throughout southern Finland, some hundreds of planes taking part in the operations. Several made forced landings owing to the formation of ice on the wings and at least eleven were shot down.

The Finnish Air Force concentrated upon bombing Red Army concentrations in the Karelian Isthmus.—Reuter.

PREPARING ALLIES QUICK HELP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, To-day.

The promised Allied aid for Finland is materialising, chiefly in light artillery and aeroplanes.

More than 200 planes have already been despatched to Finland.

The attitude of the Allies to the Finnish war is unchanged. London and Paris are not provoking Russia but are helping Finland to resist Soviet aggression.

Meanwhile both the Allied countries are making considerable efforts to arrange for quick help to the Scandinavian countries in case they are attacked.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST—North-east winds, fresh fair.

LONDON, TO-DAY. SABOTAGE IS SUSPECTED TO BE THE CAUSE OF YESTERDAY MORNING'S GUNPOWDER FAC- TORY EXPLOSION AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

It is learned that there have been attempts at sabotage and for over a week Scotland Yard officers have been investigating.

It is understood that the authorities received anonymous information that accidents might happen at the factory and also in other parts of England.—Reuter.

In Drying Sheds

(SPECIAL TO THE "CHINA MAIL")
Official discretion is obscuring the facts about the Waltham Abbey munitions factory explosion, but it is confirmed that the blasts occurred in the drying sheds, thus explaining the low casualty toll.

Waltham Abbey's famous stained-glass was removed some months ago for safety from air raids and escaped damage, but the veritable tornado let loose in the district shattered hundreds of windows.—Havas.

Three Explosions

The explosions were felt over a radius of 20 miles.

There were two big explosions close together and a third a little later. Alarmed people rushed into the streets as ceilings collapsed and windows smashed, thinking they were being bombed.

Flames shot high into the air and a thick pall of smoke hung over the factory for some time afterwards.

Thanks to the fact that it was heavily sandbagged, a nearby hospital escaped damage, although it was severely shaken.—Reuter.

Waltham Abbey

It was announced yesterday afternoon: "The Ministry of Supply greatly regrets that an explosion occurred this morning at a factory in North London."

CHINESE AIR LINE INTO RUSSIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.
THE PRESS ANNOUNCES THE OPENING OF AN ALMA-ATY-KHATA-HAM AIRLINE.

The line has been established by a joint Russo-Chinese company, the partners in which are the Soviet Air Ministry and the Chinese Ministry of Communications.

Planes will leave Alma-Ata on the 5th, 15th, 25th and 30th of each month.—Havas.

STRATEGIC SOVIET RAILWAY

Moscow, To-day.

The Moscow radio announces that the Soviet has begun building a railway 70 miles in length between Julfa and Minjevan, on the Russo-Iranian frontier.

The line is of strategic importance because it will complete the railway link between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea along the Soviet frontier with Iran and Turkey.—Reuter.

WASHINGTON DISPLEASED

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS REPORTED TO BE DISAPPOINTED WITH BRITAIN'S REPLY TO THE UNITED STATES PROTEST AGAINST THE OPENING OF AMERICAN MAILS.

The United States is said to regard the reply as a rejection of the protest, and is reported to be taking the line that Britain is claiming a right denied her by international law.—Reuter.

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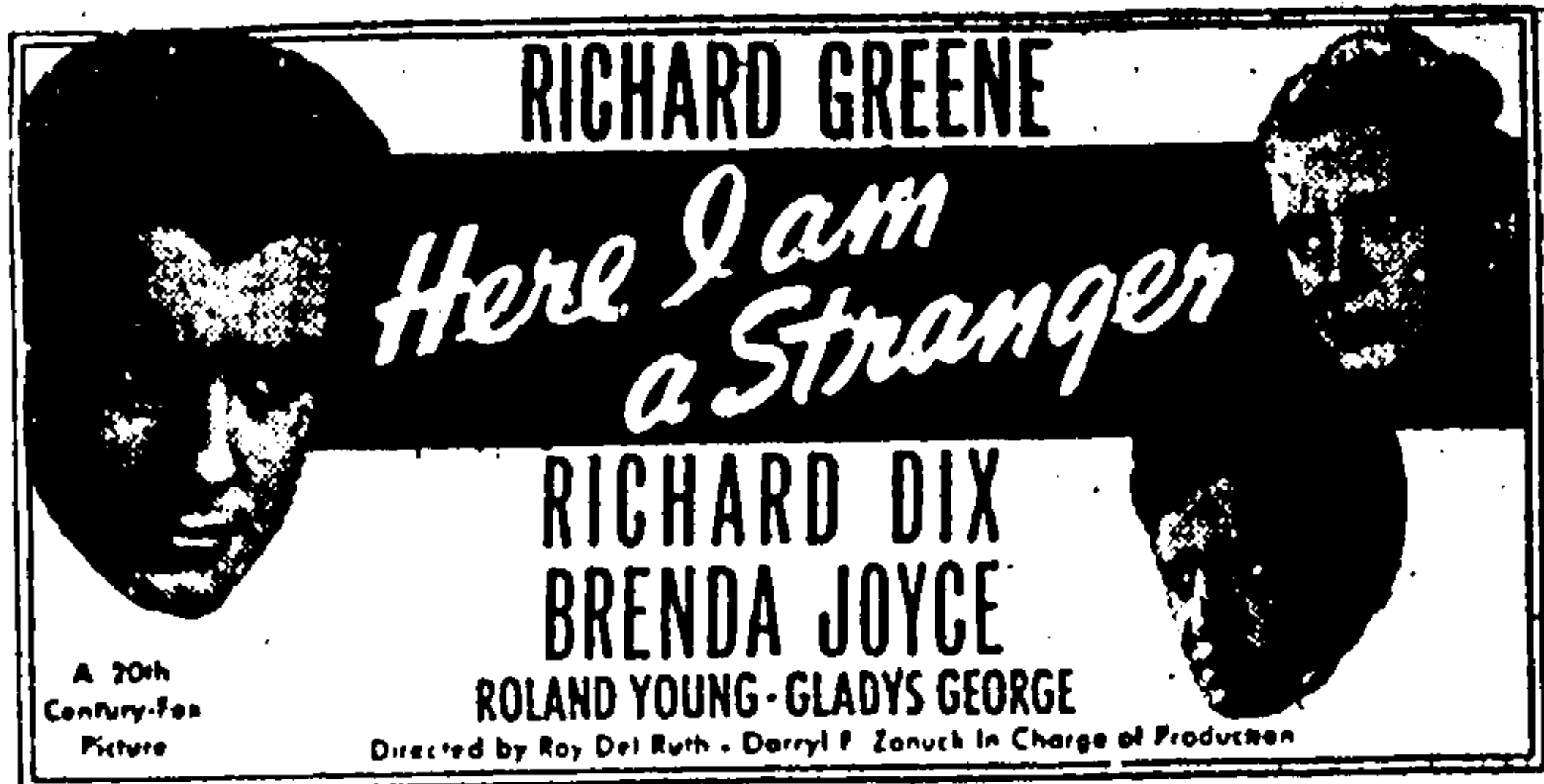
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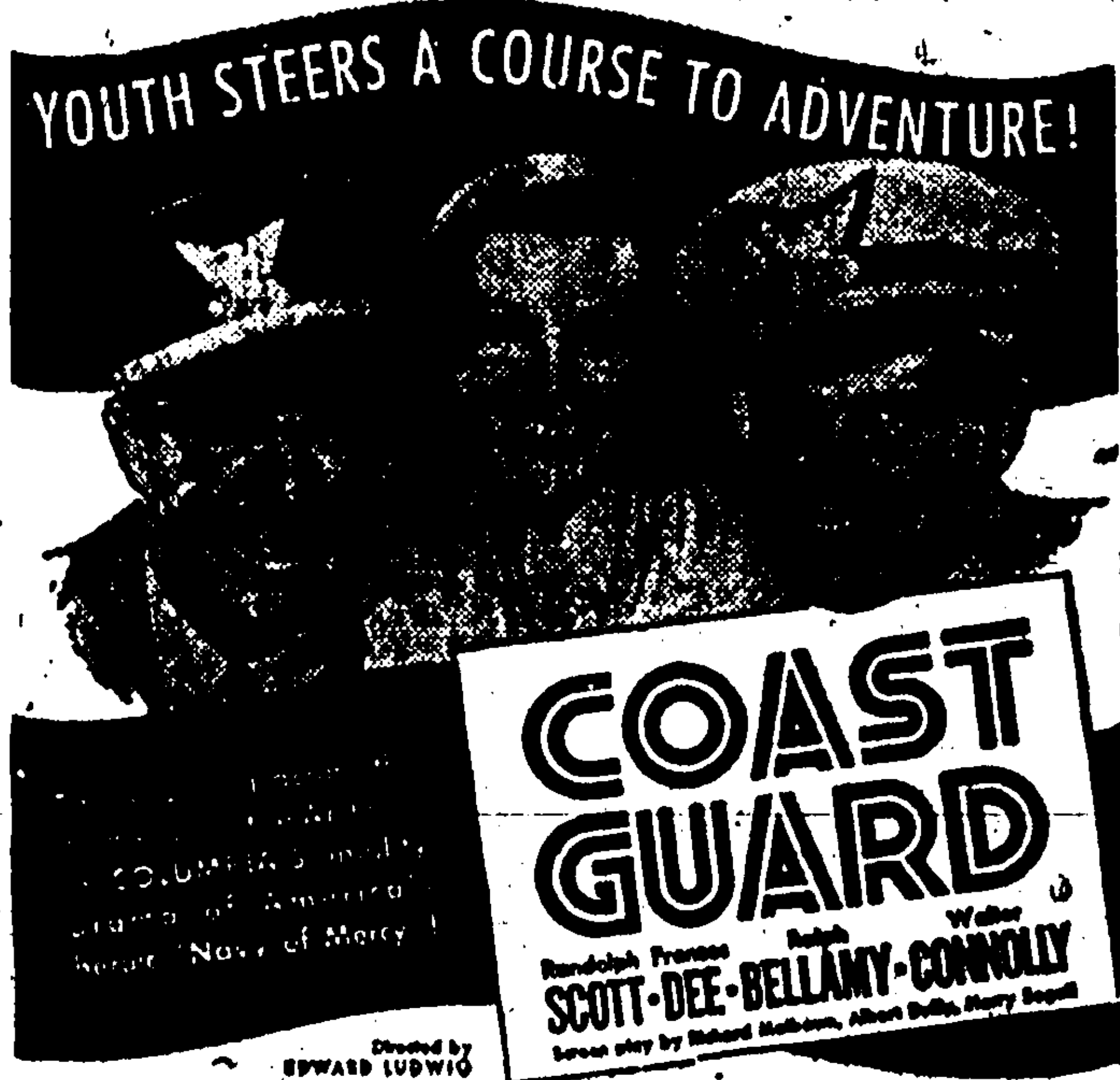
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HITLER GIVES REDS FREE HAND IN RUMANIA

London, Jan. 14.

Hitler has informed Signor Mussolini that he can do nothing to prevent Soviet Russia from making an attempt to seize the Rumanian province of Bessarabia, the diplomatic correspondent of the "Sunday Dispatch" stated in that paper to-day.

The same correspondent declares that Italy, to obtain the Reich's agreement to the creation of a Balkan front, has advised Hungary to return that part of Burgenland province given Hungary after the Great War, to Austria.

The writer states that Hitler is opposed to the scheme of some of his advisers to throw Soviet Russia against the Allies in the Middle East, his General Staff having informed him that the Russian army needs at least six months intensive training before Moscow can attempt an action of such scope with any chance of success.

SOVIET MILITARY BOGEY

The correspondent adds that precisely what Hitler does not want is the existence of an efficient Soviet army which could constitute a threat to Germany's eastern borders.

The "Sunday Dispatch" understands that M. Ivan Malsky, the Soviet Ambassador to Great Britain, has been instructed to call upon Lord Halifax, the British Foreign Secretary, and protest against reports appearing in the British press regarding the war in Finland which are damaging to Russia's prestige.—Havas.

PEER AS A PRIVATE IN THE ARMY

London, To-day.

It was disclosed in a Parliamentary answer yesterday that 65 Members of Parliament are serving in the Army, apart from those holding honorary positions.

Naturally, not a few members of the Upper House are also serving. It was remarked that in Wednesday's Lords' debate, one noble lord attired in a private's battle-dress entered and took his seat.—British Wireless.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING PLAN IN NORWAY

Oslo, To-day.

A voluntary military training system is to be started shortly throughout Norway under the leadership of Crown Prince Olav.

Even instructors will be asked to give their services voluntarily.—Reuter.

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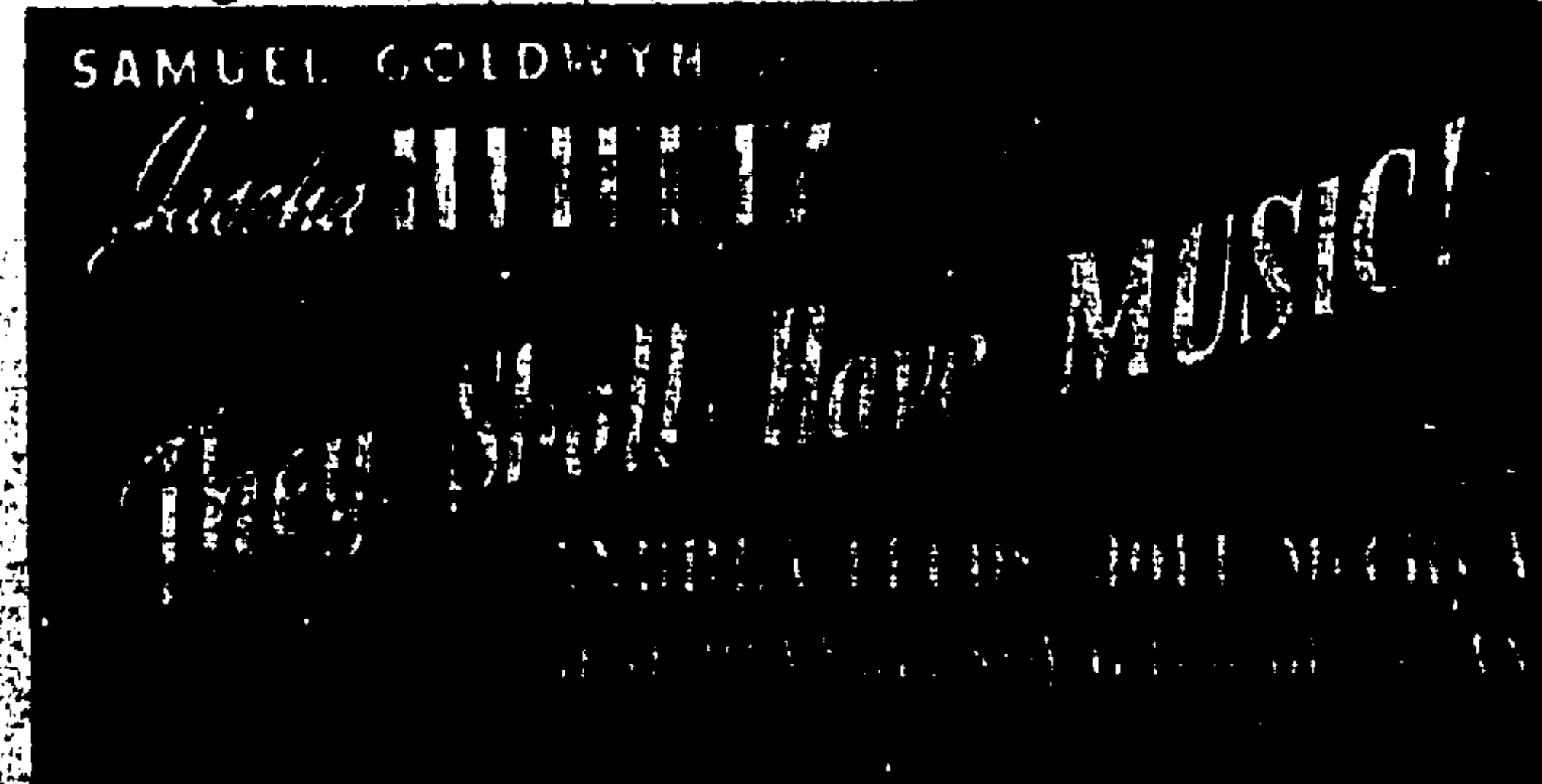
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M. RAUL DAUTRY ENTHUSIASTIC AFTER LONDON TALK

London, To-day.

The French Minister of Armament, M. Raoul Dautry, has been in London for consultations with the Minister of Supply and yesterday the two Ministers received the press.

Their statements showed that agreement has been reached on pool of manufacturing resources and practical details have been worked out down to arrangements for an interchange across the Channel of jigs and machine tools.

M. Dautry emphasised that his meeting with Mr. Burgin was no occasion for "exchanges of view" or "establishing identity of outlook" but for action—and they had acted.

"France and England having pooled their military forces, economic wealth and financial means by agreements by the Premiers and Finance Ministers, Mr. Burgin and I have combined our science laboratories, our technical resources, our machines and our labour.

"All this has been done without the shadow of discord or difficulty.

"There are no longer any secrets or any frontiers between us.

"Can one under such circumstances speak of collaboration? I should prefer to speak of a Franco-British union."

—British Wireless.

Official Communique

London, To-day.

On the conclusion of the talks between the French Minister for Armaments and the Minister of Supply in London, the following official communique was issued:

"The agreements concluded last October between the French and British Governments for the co-ordination of their economic war effort, anticipated that Ministerial consultations would take place in the course of meetings in either Paris or London during which the Ministers concerned would take any decisions required in connection with activities of the Permanent Executive Committees established by these agreements, and would give the Committees the necessary instructions.

"A meeting of the Ministerial Armaments Council has just been held in London.

M. Raoul Dautry, Ministre de l'Armement, and Mr. Leslie Burgin, Minister of Supply, have examined the progress made by the Permanent

Executive Committee for Armaments and Raw Materials and, on its submissions, have taken the decisions required in all those spheres in which the two Allied countries are at present collaborating continuously in order to intensify their common effort on armaments production and to ensure an adequate supply of raw materials to both France and Britain for this purpose. — British Wireless.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Following a fall from a lorry yesterday in Arran Street, a 29-year-old Chinese, Hung Sau, succumbed to head injuries in the Kowloon Hospital.



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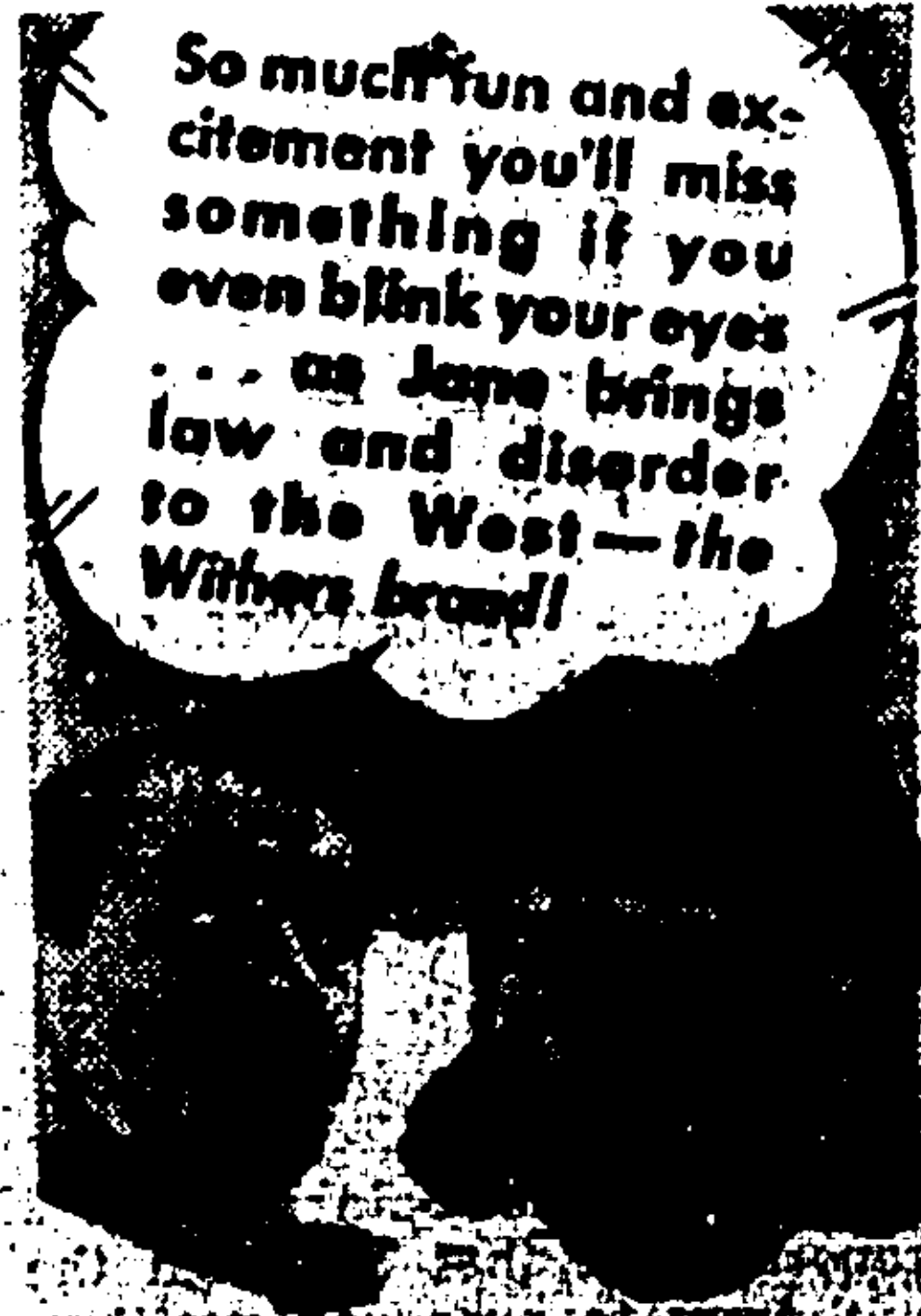


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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE FINNS HAVE ADVANCED 28 MILES ON THE SALLA FRONT APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE RUSSIAN DRIVE WESTWARD TO CUT FINLAND'S WAIST HAS AGAIN BEEN STEMMED.

The Russian advance was made in the formation of an arrow, with the point towards Kemijaervi. This latest news means that the point of the arrow has been severely blunted.

A Finnish communique states that in the eastern frontier the Finnish troops repulsed all enemy attacks north-east of Lake Ladoga.

In the Aittojoki and Kuhmo sectors Finnish patrols annihilated several large enemy patrols.

In Lapland Finnish troops have advanced 45 kilometres towards Salla during the past few days.

The enemy has been pushed back from Joutsijaervi to Maerkijaervi, where fighting is proceeding.

The other sectors are comparatively quiet.

BOMBING RAIDS

Some enemy aircraft on Thursday bombed Hango, Abo, Villmanstrand and Björke.

During Thursday the Finns brought down 11 Russian bombers.—Reuter.

JAPANESE AIR RAIDS IN PAKHOI ZONE

Kwang Chow Wan, To-day.

Japanese aircraft resumed activity near Pakhoi yesterday and bombs were dropped. No casualties were suffered, according to Chinese reports.—Our Own Correspondent.

PRINCESSES GO TO "EVACUATION HOME"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose left Buckingham Palace for their new "evacuation home" in the country.—Havas.



HE'S GOT DOUBLE TROUBLE—Dick Foran is trying awfully hard to make up his mind between Gale Page (left) and Rosemary Lane, two of the "Daughters Courageous." At the moment it looks like a draw. Coming to the King's.

UNOFFICIAL BOAT RACE ARRANGED

London, To-day.

Cambridge University has formally accepted Oxford's challenge to an unofficial boat race.

The date has been fixed for March 3, but the venue has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

MILITARY SERVICE IN NORWAY

(SPECIAL TO "THE CHINA MAIL")

Oslo, To-day.

Voluntary military service has been established by order of the War Minister.

Volunteers will form militias and will be placed under Crown Prince Olav.

Conscription was established in Norway in 1934 but in the last five years only 12,000 conscripts a year have been called for training.

The Norwegian standing army does not exceed 2,000 men and officers, and it is expected that the new decision will lead to the forming of sufficient reserves for six divisions in case of war.—Havas.

SHANGHAI WAR FUND

The Central British War Fund in Shanghai has remitted home the following amounts:

To the Mansion House Fund (Red Cross and St. John) £2,985

To the Navy League (for comforts of officers and crews of minesweepers, trawlers and smaller craft) £500.

It may be recalled that a sum of £500 was sent home to the Navy League about a month ago as a tribute to the gallantry of the Officers and men of the Rawalpindi. At the next meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to remit another £500 comforts for the officers and men of the smaller craft, whose work has recently been so burdensome and so hazardous. After this decision had been made a cable was received from the Navy League expressing gratitude for the first remittance, and appealing to the generosity of Shanghai for funds for comforts for smaller craft. The £500 earmarked for this purpose has now been sent to the Navy League.

FIFTEEN VILLAGES SUBMERGED

Istanbul, To-day.

The Anatolia earthquake, as after the catastrophe a fortnight ago, has been followed by floods and fifteen villages are reported to be submerged.—Reuter.

KOWLOON SMALLPOX

Three further Kowloon smallpox cases and one from the harbour were notified to the Medical Department yesterday. There were also four diphtheria cases, two imported, and three chickenpox.

SANDLER URGES MILITARY AID

Stockholm, To-day.

M. Sandler, former Swedish Foreign Minister, urged military co-operation between the Scandinavian countries in the course of the resumed budget debate yesterday.

Last week's events, he said, convinced him that the collaboration of the Northern Countries should not be confined to the Åland Islands question but should also embrace military co-operation.

He had not proposed a Northern Military Alliance when in office, because conditions had not ripened then.

M. Hansson, the Swedish Premier, said that the idea of Northern collaboration was by no means shipwrecked.—Reuter.

Ready For Drastic Measures, If Necessary

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Christian Guenther, speaking in Parliament yesterday, stressed that help for Finland was an integral part of Swedish foreign policy.

He insisted that Sweden's future was very much dependent upon Finland's, although Sweden must take into consideration the necessity to maintain a neutral attitude in the European conflict.

CONFLICT MAY EXTEND

"With both sides finding it difficult to advance along the Franco-German border, the European conflict may extend to some neutral countries, and therefore the Swedish Government should take every care to avoid measures which might be considered contrary to neutrality."

The Premier, M. Albin Peter Hansson, also stressed determination to grant aid to Finland.

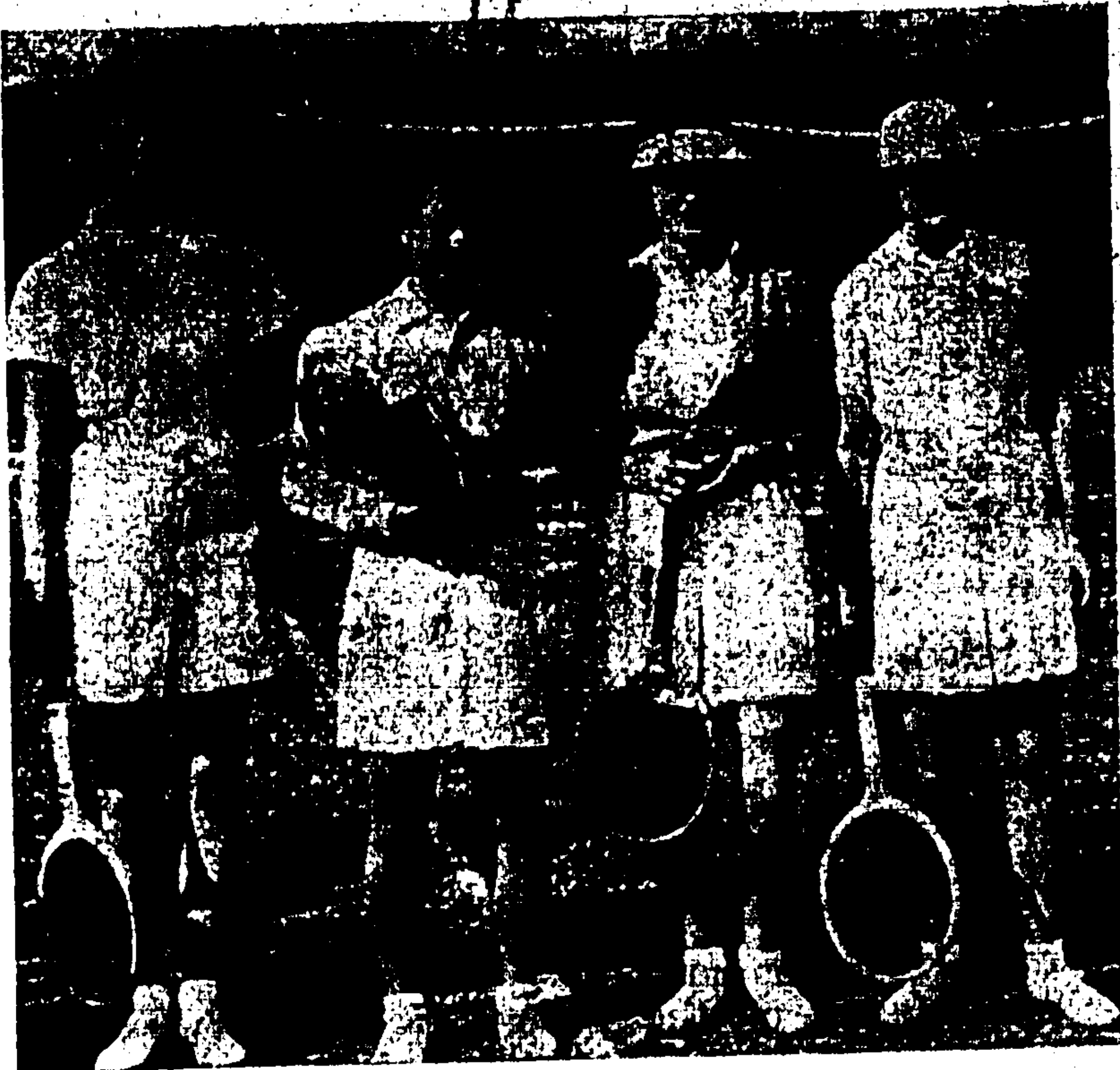
At the same time, he said, the Government was taking steps to curb communism and was ready to take drastic measures if necessary.—Havas.

86 DEGREES OF FROST AT VIBORG

HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

FINLAND IS EXPERIENCING THE COLDEST WINTER OF 50 YEARS, WITH THE THERMOMETER AT VIBORG REGISTERING 86 DEGREES OF FROST.

There was little activity yesterday save for patrol skirmishes and artillery fire, although there was some fighting in the Salla sector. Neutral reports state that although the Finns withdrew to prepared positions south of Salla, two Soviet divisions further north are now in retreat, owing to the cutting of their supply routes.—Reuter.



The semi-finalists in the Colony's Women's Doubles Championships. In the picture are Miss M. Griffiths and Mrs. Chiu Chun-chiu, and their unsuccessful opponents, Mrs. W. Knight and Mrs. Sweeney.



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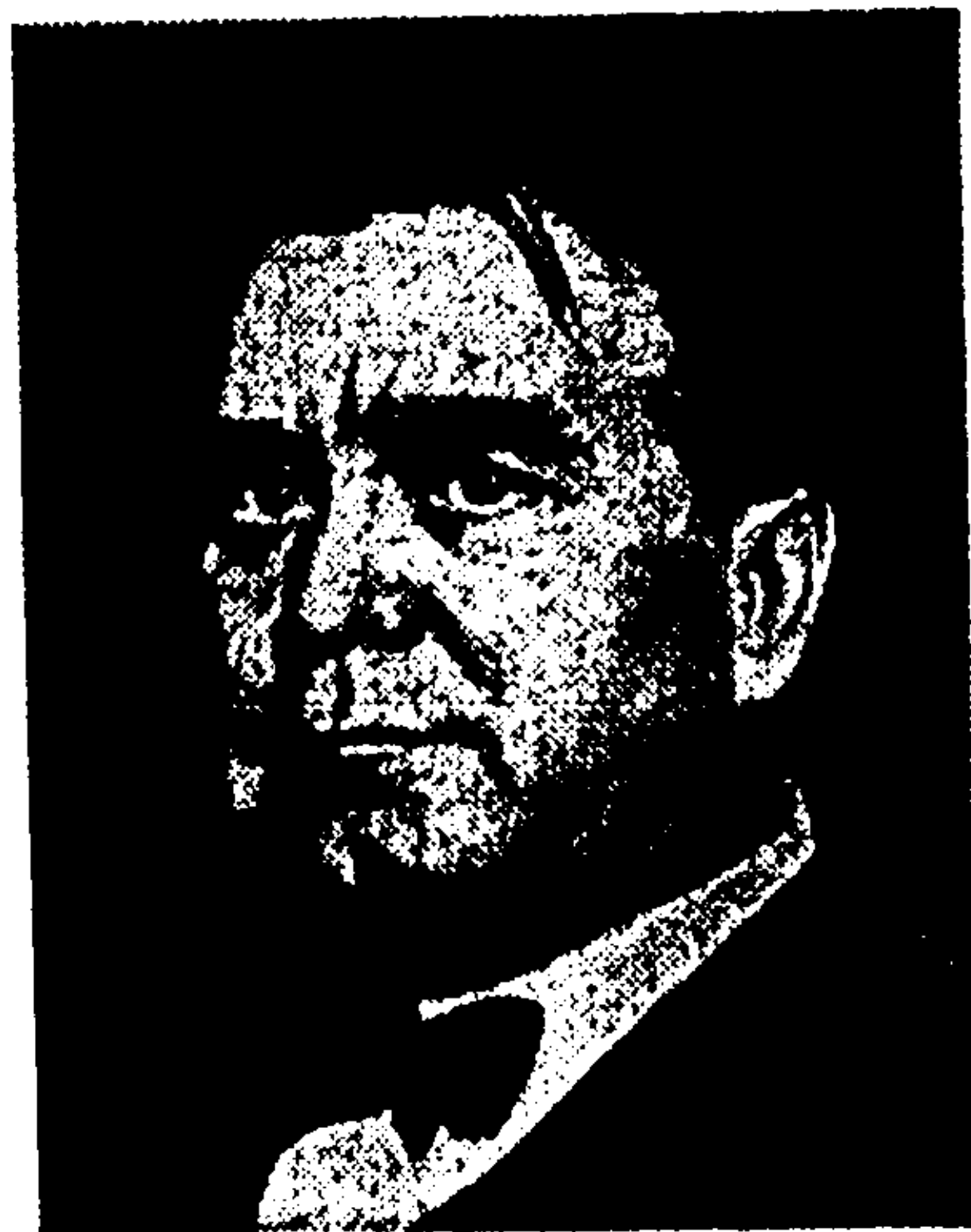
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SENATOR BORAH'S CONDITION GRAVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The condition of Senator William Borah, leader of the isolationist section, is extremely grave and his physicians state that only a miracle can save him.

From all parts of the United States messages of sympathy are pouring into his home.

Senator Borah is suffering from cerebral haemorrhage following a fall. —Havas.

NEAR DEATH

Washington, To-day.

A bulletin issued in the afternoon stated that Senator Borah was near death.

Officials in Washington were profoundly shocked by the news of his illness.

President Roosevelt telephoned his home expressing sympathy, and there were unashamed tears in the eyes of his colleagues, both friends and foes, alike. —Reuter.

IN A DEEP COMA

Washington, To-day.

Senator Borah is in a deep coma and is running a high fever. He was given only an outside chance to live last evening.

The doctor says, however, that the crisis is still ahead and perhaps will be reached within 24 hours. — Reuter.

SITUATION IN INDIA

NEW DELHI, TO-DAY.

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL HAS BEEN ISSUED TO ALLEGATIONS IN GERMAN AND RUSSIAN SOURCES IN THE PAST TWO DAYS OF RIOTS AND DISTURBANCES IN NAGPUR, CANNING, GORAKHPUR, JUBBULPORE AND OTHER TOWNS IN INDIA.

It is added that the allegations appear to have been worked up from a single incident at Burhanpur, where a minor communal clash occurred on January 16 between a Sikh procession and a Moslem crowd.

The situation to-day is normal. — Reuter.

NORWEGIAN VESSEL TORPEDOED AND SHELLLED

London, To-day.

The British steamer Cairnross, of 5,500 tons, was lost late on Wednesday night, after hitting a mine off the west Coast. Her crew of 48 got away safely and after drifting about in a small boat for three hours were picked up by a British warship and reached home yesterday.

The Norwegian steamer Enid, of 1,100 tons, has been sunk by a German submarine. She was attacked off the north-east coast of Scotland by the U-boat, which both torpedoed and shelled her. Eight of her crew have reached an island off Scotland in a small boat, while the other eight were rescued by a British trawler.

Another Norwegian ship was torpedoed in the Bay of Biscay by a U-boat and her crew of 14 are believed lost. A violent explosion broke her into two, and she sank within a couple of minutes, not even having time to wireless an "SOS." —Reuter.

***The Cairnross, which was built at Sunderland in 1921, was owned by the Cairn Line of Steamships, Limited (Cairns, Noble and Co., managers). A vessel of 5,494 tons gross, she was 425 feet long, and registered at Newcastle. Fitted with refrigerating machinery, her single-screw was driven by three Parsons steam turbine engines.

The Enid, of 1,140 tons gross, was built at Moss in 1924. Registered at Newcastle, she was owned by A/S Turid (Bachke and Co., managers) and was 226 feet long.

GERMAN LOST

Copenhagen, To-day.

A German steamer of 2,300 tons has been sunk by a mine off the Aaland Islands. She tried to get through the Swedish minefield without a pilot, carrying ore to Germany.

The lifeboat is now caught in pack-ice and a Swedish warship is going to the rescue of the crew. —Reuter.

GREEK STEAMER SUNK

London, To-day.

The Greek steamer Asteria (3,313 tons) was sunk by a mine in the North Sea on Wednesday night.

Eleven survivors and the body of another member of the crew were landed yesterday at an East Coast port after being adrift in a small boat for 15 hours.

Twelve other members of the crew, including the English pilot, are feared to have been drowned. —Reuter.

German Boasts In Tokyo

LONDON, TO-DAY.

A GERMAN NEWS BULLETIN PUBLISHED IN TOKYO BOASTED THAT GERMAN AIRCRAFT RECENTLY "ANNIHILATED" THE TWO DANISH STEAMERS "FEDDY" AND "IVAN KONDRUP" IN THE NORTH SEA.

This is a typical instance, not only of German attempts to bully neutrals through deliberate violations of international law, but also of deliberate perversion of the truth, as was proved by the Nazi news agency, Trans-Ocean, on January 10.

This agency quoted the British Admiralty statement that the two Danish ships alleged to have been annihilated were still afloat and were being towed to port. — Reuter.

INTERNEE CLIMBS WIRE

The first attempt to escape from the new Chinese Soldiers Internment Camp in Argyle Street, was made by one of the inmates at 3 a.m. to-day.

The man was, however, arrested outside the Camp after a chase by two Indian guards. He was afterwards admitted to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment of injuries suffered when he scaled the barbed-wire fence.

The escape was made on the south side of the camp but the man was seen by Indian guards to fall from the top of the barbed-wire fence.

They fired warning shots and the man was caught about 40 yards from the Camp.

He was suffering from injuries to head and legs.

SOVIET OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Moscow, To-day.

It is announced from Khabarovsk that four important officials, including the district head of the Commissariat of Internal Affairs (the police) and the secretary of the district Communist Party, have been relieved of their duties and given other work. — Reuter.

CONCHIES ONLY 2.P.C.

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour announces that 1.8 per cent of those registered under the Military Training Act after the outbreak of war have been put down as conscientious objectors. —Reuter.

FRENCH RELATIONS WITH SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

PARIS, TO-DAY.

OFFICIAL QUARTERS DENY REPORTS ALLEGING THAT TRADE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE SOVIET HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF, AND DECLARE THAT NO SUCH CONVERSATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE RECENTLY.

The only new fact in Russo-French trade relations is the expiration of the special temporary accord for an increase in Russian exports to France, the validity of which was terminated in December.

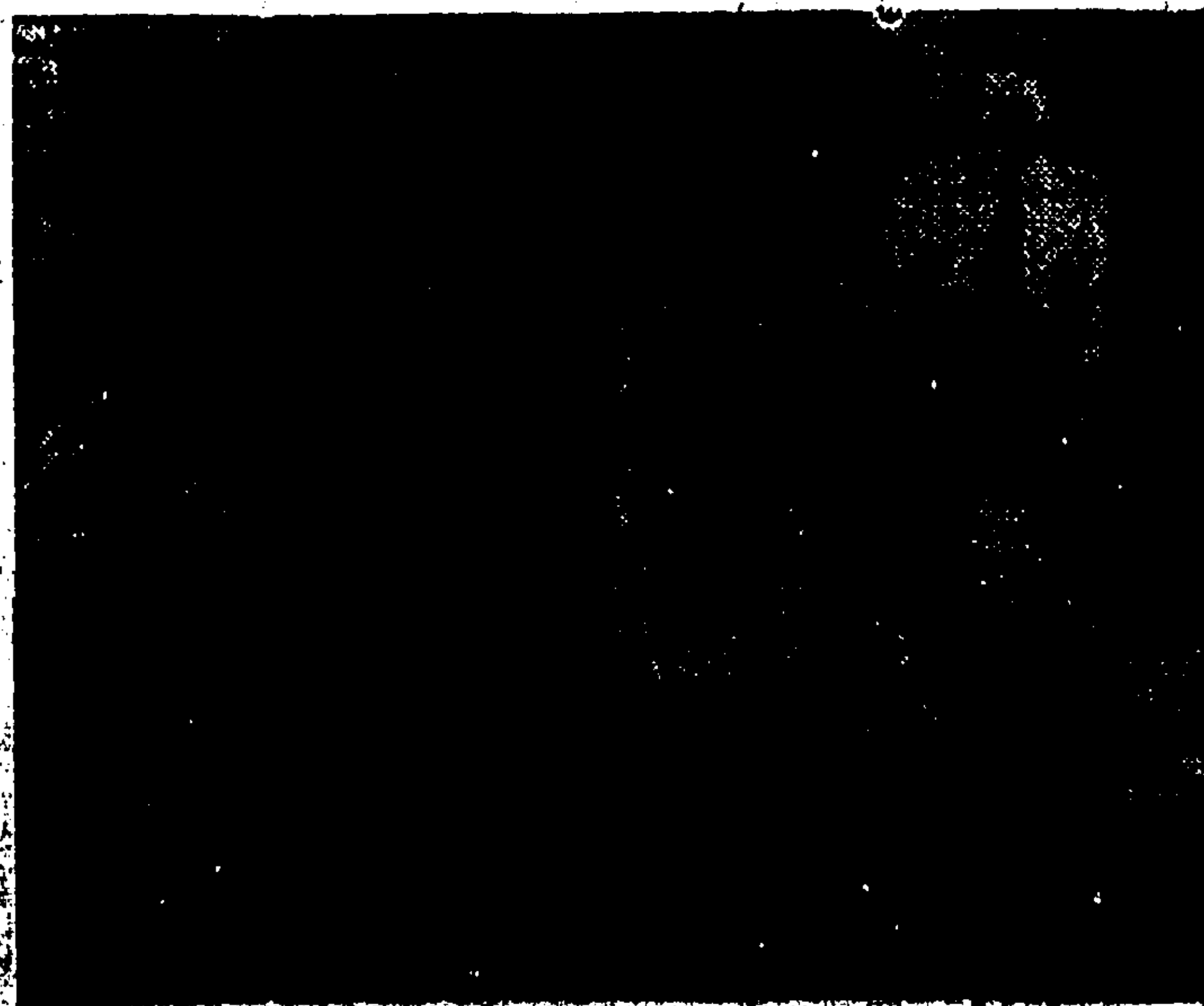
Moscow did not take steps for the timely renewal of this convention but the present situation does not imply that eventual negotiations are impossible nor that trade relations have been broken off. —Havas.

BLOWING UP MINES

London, To-day.

Asked in the Commons whether in his view there was any danger to local fishermen resulting from the practice of sinking unexploded mines by rifle fire, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty replied: "Special ships are being fitted out for blowing up floating mines and these ships will work in areas where most of the floating mines are to be found."

"It is essential, however, that patrol craft should continue to sink floating mines by rifle fire as a mine on the surface is a menace to shipping." — British Wireless.



RIFT IN THE FAMILY, or maybe it's in Pelella Lane's clothing suit. The other three "Daughters Courageous" Gail, Peg, Rosemary and Lola Lane seem to be enjoying the situation hugely. Coming to the King's Theatre.

Economic Dictator For Britain Urged WITH PLACE IN THE WAR CABINET

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE LABOUR PARTY IS PRESSING THE GOVERNMENT FOR A STATEMENT TO BE MADE SOON BY THE CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER ON ECONOMIC CO-ORDINATION.

It is expected that a statement will be made the week after next, when there will be a general debate on the whole subject.

The Labour view, says Reuter's lobby correspondent, is that there should be a Minister charged with the responsibility of looking after economic functions as distinct from finance, and that such a Minister should be in the War Cabinet and on the same basis as the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

His functions would be to plan the economy of the country, both home industries and our interests abroad, and he would be free from departmental responsibilities.

It is also likely that the Prime Minister will be urged to make such changes in the War Cabinet that most of its members will be without portfolio and so can devote themselves more fully to the task of winning the war.

GOVERNMENT ATTITUDE

The Government point of view hitherto has been that the present system of dealing with economic matters, which are covered by various departments, is satisfactory and that the critics do not appreciate the difficulties of the position, while the Prime Minister hitherto has given no indication that he desires to make any change in the composition of the Cabinet.

Lord Sankey stated in the House of Lords on Wednesday that the number of members of the War Cabinet was not too large.

He added that the system of co-ordination as applied to the defence services was not applicable in the economic sphere. — Reuter.

U.S. NAVAL BUILDING

Washington, To-day.

In the House of Representatives naval committee, discussing the recent appropriation proposals, Chairman Carl Vinson proposed a \$500,000,000 reduction in the projected \$1,300,000,000 fleet expansion programme.

The proposal would cut the tonnage from 400,000 to 218,000.

Mr. Vinson explained that the reduced programme would permit all building that could efficiently be handled.

He expressed the opinion that it was unwise to pile up too much construction ahead of the time when it can actually be carried out.

Mr. Vinson indicated that his proposal in no way aimed at cutting down the Navy. — Reuter.

ABYSSINIA GETTING ON ITS FEET

ROME, TO-DAY.

THE ITALIAN EMPIRE IN AFRICA HAS CONCLUDED THE PHASE OF COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON THE MOTHER COUNTRY, DECLARED SIGNOR MUSSOLINI IN A SPEECH HERE YESTERDAY.

Presiding at the first meeting of the newly-created General Council of the Corporative Consultative Organisation for Italian Africa, Il Duce added: "It must now begin its independent life with the mother country's help until it can contribute to Italy's material resources." — Reuter.

BRITISH FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

London, To-day.

The question of British financial assistance to Finland is now under discussion with the Finnish authorities, stated the Prime Minister in a written answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the exact extent of assistance which might be necessary or possible was not yet determined. — Reuter.

BARBER GETS ROUGH

"If you use a pair of scissors again for other than practising your profession, I will send you to prison," said Mr. E. Hinnworth this morning to a barber, Ng Fong, 24, who was charged with assault.

He was placed in a bond to keep the peace for one year.

It was stated that Ng, after argument with his fook, used the pair of scissors and jabbed him on the head. Lui was treated in Kowloon Hospital.

CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Senator Vic Donahey, from Ohio, announces that he will become a candidate for White House.

With Vice-President J. L. Garner he makes the second Democrat candidate for the Presidency. — Havas.

AMERICAN TOBACCO IMPORT BAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The Government has decided temporarily to interrupt imports of American tobacco, of which two and a half years' supplies have already been stored in Britain.

Moreover, henceforth Virginia tobacco will not be used alone in cigarettes but will be mixed with 10 or 15 per cent. of Turkish or Greek tobacco. — Havas.

OPPOSITION PRESS PERSISTS IN CAMPAIGN

London, To-day.

THE SPEECH ON WEDNESDAY of Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, was the subject of yesterday's comment in the British Press. There was criticism of the methods of procedure and closer co-operation between the various departments was advocated.

The "Manchester Guardian," for instance, says that the two committees responsible for the co-ordination of economic actions lack the efficiency of a Minister of Cabinet rank with the power to direct other Government departments.

Field-Marshal Goering, Second Man in Germany, the paper points out, is in exclusive charge of Germany's economic effort. Could we say that we had paid this important side of the war an equal compliment?

The "News Chronicle" says that what is needed is a Minister of authority and imagination who will give new direction on the whole economic policy of the war, a Minister with authority to co-ordinate the work of several departments and see that plans are carried out.

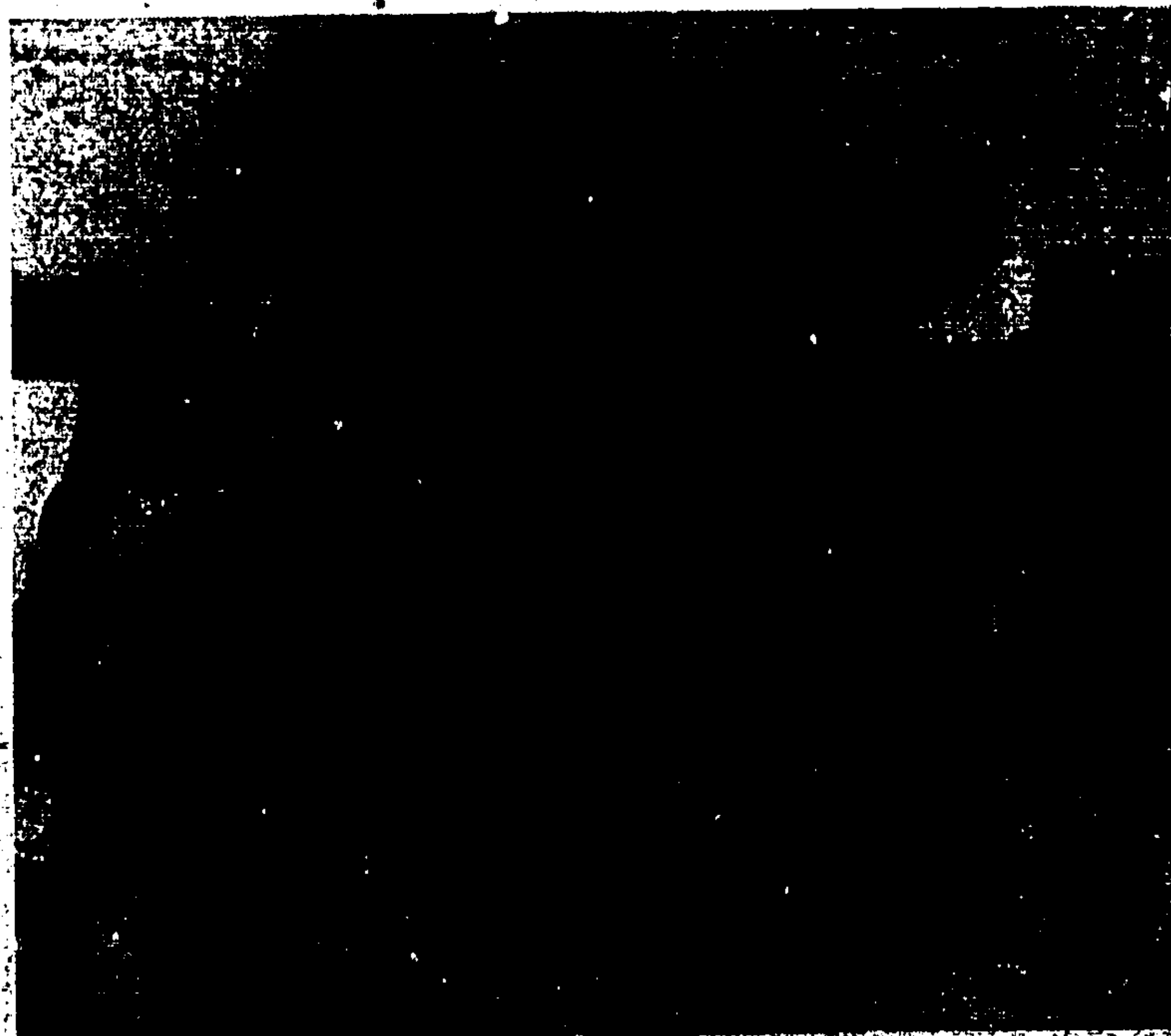
INSUFFICIENT POWER

The "Daily Herald" feels that in-

sufficient powers have been given to Mr. Cross or anyone else. Britain and France need closer co-ordination of efforts to drive Nazi trade out of European markets.

The "Daily Telegraph" feels that Mr. Cross erred on the side of optimism in his estimate of the results achieved. Stocks accumulated in Germany in peace-time are probably greater than he is prepared to admit.

"The Times," however, feels that the Allies may be expected to devise effective machinery to increase Germany's difficulties. — Reuter.



Operations Room at R.A.F. Headquarters in France. Photo by Gen.

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in "The Professor from Peking."



Exasperated by her husband, Mrs. Chang decides to leave. A scene
from "The Professor from Peking."



Detectives ransacking Professor Chang's house. A scene from "The
Professor from Peking" which is being performed by Hong Kong Un-
iversity undergraduates in the Great Hall to night.

Crisis Looming In Far East

America's Stand And Japan's Bid For Peace

CHIANG'S TERMS SIMPLE: LIKELY TO BE OBSTINATE

By "CRITIC"

EVENTS WHICH ARE moving rapidly in the Far East, indicate a desire on the part of Japan to stabilise the situation, and put an end to the present war. Japan has indicated her desire for a new order in Asia, with herself as the arbiter of its destinies, while China is determined under Chiang Kai-shek to maintain the old order, which gives China her full and unfettered freedom. Japan's advance into China has gone far, and as peace depends on an equally long retreat, the prospects of a peace on Japan's terms are far from bright.

The successive cabinets have registered a diplomatic advance in their ambition since the resignation of Premier Konoye, but recently a more realistic conception of the situation in Tokyo has led to a gradual abatement of the claim and soon the Konoye peace offer will again hold the field. Japan has three major problems on her hands—the war in China, her relations with Russia, and the approaching end of the Trade Pact with the United States.

Then, there is the widespread feeling that each of these problems is destroying the opportunities for reaping a golden harvest by the capture of the world markets from which Europe has been excluded by the war.

WANG TELEGRAM

In spite of Wang Ching-wei's circular telegram, it is hardly likely that Chiang Kai-shek will be complacent. After all he is not seeking peace, and naturally assumes that his adversary who is, wishes to secure it on terms that will give him the greatest advantages, but Chiang Kai-shek's terms are simple. They are the complete withdrawal of Japanese forces from the sacred soil of China. It is not conceivable that he will agree to less. Having organised his part of China on a war basis, and having resigned himself to carrying on till his object is achieved, there seems to be little likelihood of agreeing to terms which he need not accept.

The war may be costing China a great deal, but it is costing Japan more, and at the same time it prevents Japanese traders and industrialists from sharing in such prosperity as is now awaiting her. Chiang Kai-shek is likely to prove obstinate and Japan increasingly impatient.

U.S. IN EARNEST

With reference to the Trade Pact, the position is difficult, for the renewal of that is governed by the situation in China. First the gesture was made to open the Yangtze up to Nanking in order to conciliate the U.S.A. but that did not meet with any success.

Now it is beginning to be realised that the United States may be in earnest about rights in China, and may even be moved to action on humanitarian grounds.

The enormous increase voted for the navy and the movements of sea planes to Manila together with the strengthening of Guam, and bringing the fleet on Hawaii, these acts may be gestures too, but they point only in one direction. The problem is to gauge the strength of the isolationist group in the United States and the power to restrain the opposite group. If the United States has not intervened in Far Eastern affairs during the past two years, is there any reason to suppose she will do so now? Japan having tried the conciliatory gesture, the opening of the Yangtze and hav-

ing provoked no response, or induced the United States to realise that there is a new order in Asia, or, rather, that there would soon be if America were not so recalcitrant to reasoned argument, now tries another method. The opening of the Yangtze is to be postponed indefinitely, and negotiations are to be opened with Russia.

CURIOUS PARALLEL

This is a curious parallel to the situation in Europe. Just as the German Army would not contemplate a war on two fronts, so the Japanese feel that if the United States actually did take up arms, if not on behalf of suffering China, then in her own interests, one naval front is as much as could be held.

The arrangement with Russia is a necessary preliminary to a discussion with the United States on trade pacts.

Japan can get good terms with Russia at the moment, for Stalin's Army which might have been considered a powerful fighting force, if it had never fought, has undermined Stalin's position in negotiations by its campaign in Finland.

Japan will obviously try during the negotiations with Russia to insert a clause whereby Russia withholds further military aid to China. If this were successful Chiang Kai-shek would be handicapped in his campaigns, but it is clearly not to Russia's advantage to see the war in China cease, while she herself is engaged in a European war.

TRADE RELIANCE

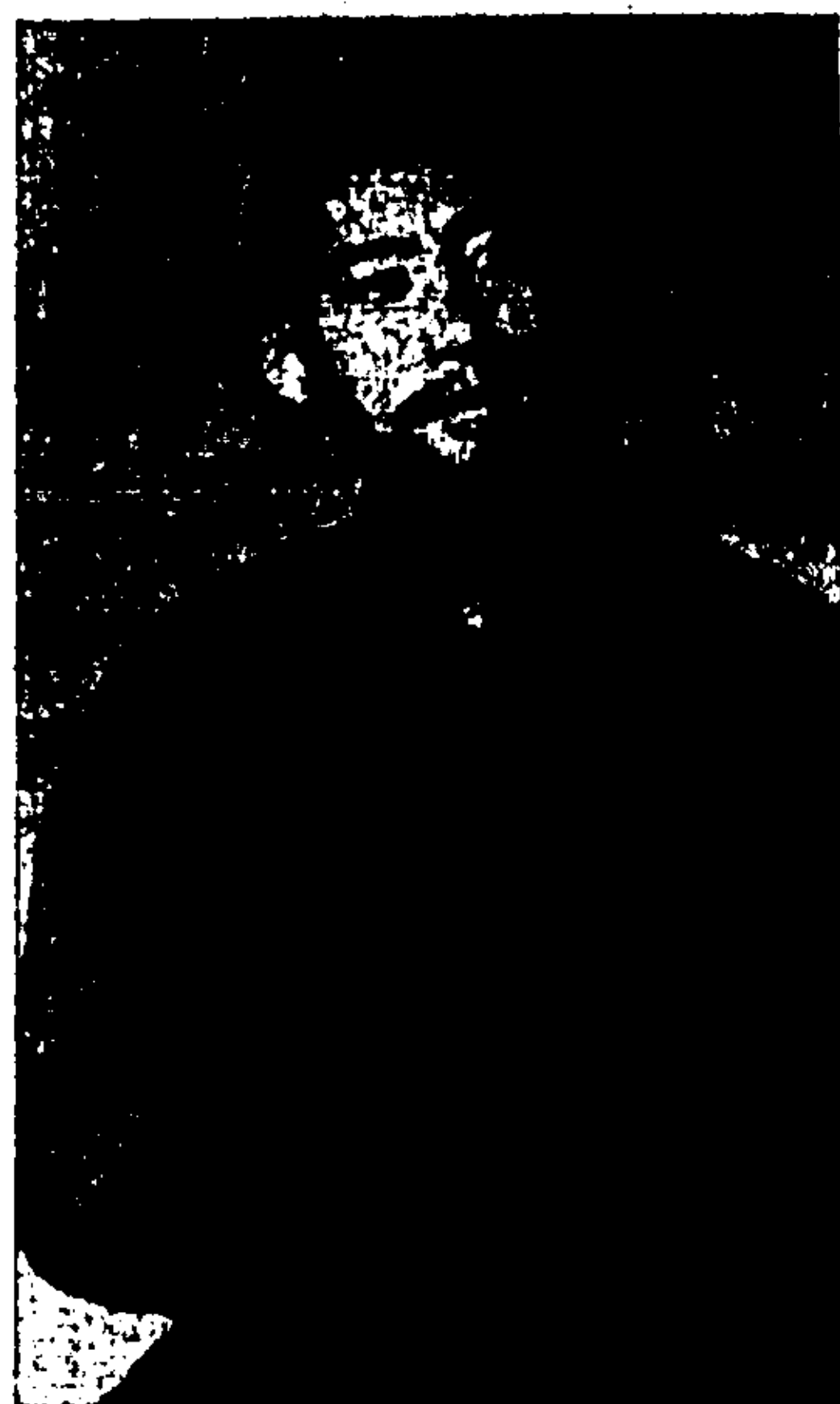
Japan having safeguarded one frontier against a potential enemy by an agreement would then be in a more favourable position diplomatically to talk about Trade pacts with the United States.

For the latter however the trade with Japan does not seem to be of any great importance, whereas for Japan it is a matter of great urgency. If Russia cuts off supplies to China, at the bidding of Japan, the U.S.A. is in a position to cut off what is even more vital to Japan. The United States, like the rich man, can bide its time, but Japan cannot, and that is why a treaty with Russia, a more vigorous policy in China, and perhaps a threat to the south may be used to induce the United States to think realistically and accept the idea of a new order in Asia.

The imperturbability of the United States is rather irritating to the Japanese, who are naturally annoyed at seeing their handsome gesture of goodwill, in opening the Yangtze up to Nanking, rejected.

NEXT STEP?

The next step clearly lies with Japan, but the terms on which an arrangement can be made are more likely to be dictated by the United States, who must remove the grounds



Professor Ping, played by Mr. Yu Shu-shu, in "The Professor from Peking," a play by the undergraduates of the University in the Great Hall to-night.

COMING HOME FOR NEWS?

London, To-day. On Sunday, eight distinguished French war correspondents attached to the B.E.F., including the well-known French writer, M. Andre Maurois, will arrive in London as guests of the Ministry of Information on a visit which has been arranged to afford them an opportunity to observe the many aspects of Britain's war effort.—British Wireless.

Three men armed with revolvers entered the Man Shing Lee Grocery shop, in Cha Hang, Taipo, early this morning, and robbed the master of \$37.

of reproach, levelled at her by her own critics, of aiding the aggressor in China, and at the same time penalising him in Europe. These critics require consistency in national policy.

SHANGHAI-HANKOW AIR SERVICE

Regular air service between Shanghai and Hankow via Nanking has resumed.

A round-trip between the two cities, a distance of 830 kilometres, can be made by air in a day with the inauguration of the service.

A 21-seater Douglas DC-3 plane left the Tazan airdrome at Shanghai at 8 o'clock in the morning, arrived at Nanking at 9.10 o'clock, left Nanking at 9.25 o'clock and arrived at Hankow at 11.50 o'clock. On the return flight the plane left Hankow at 12.20 o'clock in the afternoon, arrived at Nanking at 2.45 o'clock and arrived at Shanghai 4.10 o'clock.

YONAI'S PROBLEMS

Tokyo, To-day.

The Yonai Cabinet is being swamped with letters from all over the country, urging modifications in the rigid control of imports and exports.

The complaints are all in the same vein, business and industrial depression arising from inability to obtain raw materials or vital supplies from overseas.—Our Own Correspondent.

ART EXHIBITION

An interesting one-man art exhibition will open in the St. Francis Hotel to-morrow.

It is an exhibition of the work of Mr. Luk Shuet-chow, who has won himself a reputation in the realms of both Chinese and Western art.

The proceeds are to be donated to charity.

THRIFT IN BRITAIN

London, To-day.

The number of depositors in the Post Office Savings Bank at January 4th was approximately 11,750,000 and the aggregate amount of their deposits was £552,380,000.—British Wireless.

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The beginning of official rationing is a suitable moment for examining the general principles involved in all rationing schemes. In the first place it has always been clear that modern warfare involves the organization of the feeding of the civilian population just as much as that of the feeding of the Army. Until that principle was recognized and acted upon in the last War the distribution and the prices of supplies caused endless and highly damaging difficulties. Rationing is the only way of securing fair distribution, given the certainty that the public will not share the risks of the consumer in Germany, where certain commodities are unprocurable from time to time in some places whether rationed or not. This means that the Government have to acquire and to control all supplies, and explains why the announcement fore-shadows the control of livestock. But control on this scale makes the Government responsible not only for fair quantities but also for fair prices. It must be said in this connexion that up to the present control seems to be costing a great deal. That is perhaps inevitable in the initial stages; but it must be hoped that when the schemes are in full operation the gap between wholesale and retail prices, quite large enough even when the trade was in private hands, may be greatly reduced. The meat and livestock scheme will be operated by traders—a welcome assurance that control is not to entail bureaucratic elaboration or expense.—"The Times."

DANGEROUS CRISIS

The attempt of gangsters to murder G. Godfrey Phillips, Secretary and Commissioner-General of the Shanghai Municipal Council—first attack of the kind on a foreign official here—has served to concentrate the attention of the public on the crisis prevailing in the administration and status of the foreign-administered area.

The crisis prevailing in the administration and status of the International Settlement has been brought about by three things—the growth of crime and political gangsterism, the precarious financial situation and Japanese interference. That these three elements have served to bring about a practical collapse of government in the Settlement is generally realised. . . . But the most discouraging phase of the present situation which menaces the future of the International Settlement as at present constituted, is the apparent lack of interest in the situation on the part of local citizens. Public interest has degenerated to such an extent that no new candidates for the Municipal Council have been nominated for two or three years, thus enabling those in office to continue in power and recruit new members by the system of "co-option." Recently there have been rumors of an attempt in certain circles to get out a full vote of foreign property-owners in order to offset a threatened Japanese attempt to control the forthcoming annual meeting by "voting" all their property-holders in Hongkew. In this connection there has also been a recent noticeable increase in Japanese rental of properties "south of the creek."—"China Weekly Review"

AGAINST OVER-CONFIDENCE

One hardly can fail to be impressed with the emphasis in British news on warnings against underrating the enemy. It appears certain that either London sees a definite prospect of war activities far greater than anything that yet has occurred, or that there is a planned campaign to impress the German people and the Nazi leaders with the fact that the democratic allies are ready for the heaviest blows that the enemy can give. In any event, it is evident that the current publicity campaign is against over-confidence, which is extremely dangerous in war, especially in a war which is so thoroughly unconventional in procedure as the present one has been for quite some weeks.

The continuing lack of war activities naturally tends to give the people the impression that it is not so bad after all. That form of false security the British government apparently fears.—"Manila Bulletin."

BLITZKREIG

If Hitler should risk an attack, our conviction is that he would find our defences adequate. Apart from that possibility, the outlook in the West as the New Year lengthens out, is in one phase or another this mutual siege. The Germans will continue their war of attrition on shipping; as yet our own losses need cause us no alarm, though the decimation of neutral tonnage is a rather graver matter. On the other side, it is self-deception to suppose that there is any sign of a break in German morale. The population, as all the more sober reports testify, is not yet seriously affected by the blockade. The workers have been over-driven and over-worked, but this mistake the Nazis are now themselves doing something to correct. When we reflect that this war of endurance makes relatively modest demands on their reserves of oil and munitions, it is obvious that the hope of reducing them by the weapon of the blockade alone cannot be indulged in the near future.—"The New Statesman and Nation."

RUSSIA'S POWER

It is not wise, however, to build too much on Finland's present success. Russia has not been famous for military brilliance in the past, but the doggedness of her troops has been remarked as well as their patient acceptance of those heavy losses which a Government over many millions can afford. Before she began this attack Russia talked of wearing down Finland by a "war of nerves" and—ruining her economy by prolonged mobilisation. The same end could be gained by a muddled, wasteful but relentless pressure, which Russia could support but Finland could not. If this were Russia's intention it would be countered only by a generous, quick, and continuing aid from the West to Finland. There was a soldier's remark sent out from Finland, probably with a purpose, which sums up the need. "There are more Russians in this sector," he said, "than we have cartridges." That is a deficiency which should be remedied by the democratic Powers in their own interests. There is nothing good for us in seeing Scandinavia overrunning by the Iron and Blood of our own enemy, to whose aid the efforts of this war may have been made and more fully.—"Manchester Guardian."

THIS ENGLAND

Shall we send Lady Diana Duff Cooper to be the First Lady of the Admiralty? After all, she would know her way about, for her husband used to be First Lord. I once met Diana wearing a yachting cap while travelling on a French train. This shows that the sea is in her blood.—"Woman's Journal."

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON WESTERN FRONT

CAMBRIDGE ELECTION FIGHT

WORLD STATE THE ISSUE

London, To-day.

The idea of world federation will be the issue of the by-election at Cambridge caused by the death of the Conservative member, Sir John Withers.

The well-known lawyer, Mr. Patrick Ransome, who once worked in the International Labour Office at Geneva, has agreed to accept nomination as Independent Federal Union candidate upon the invitation of the Committee of Federal Union.

The Committee's aim is "to unite all democratic peoples under one central government as the first step towards a world state."

Mr. Ransome stated he believed that if a Federal Union was offered to the German people it would stimulate them to get rid of the existing regime and thus prepare the way for permanent peace.

The famous astronomer, Sir James Jeans, is the official Conservative candidate.—Reuter.

IRAQIAN MINISTER SHOT

Baghdad, To-day.

The Iraq Finance Minister, Rustam Haidar, was shot in his office yesterday by a former police inspector who had asked to speak with him.

The bullet entered the left side and passed right through the abdomen.

Rustam Haidar was rushed to hospital and the assailant was arrested.

Haidar read an application submitted by the man, who had been dismissed from the Government service.

He rose and was leaving the room when the man shot him.—Reuter.

IT'S 'WARMER' IN MOSCOW

Moscow, To-day.

It was much warmer here yesterday, when 44 degrees of frost Fahrenheit were recorded, compared with 79 on Wednesday.—Reuter.

R.A.F. CRASH ON N.W. FRONTIER

New Delhi, To-day.

Two British airmen were killed when an R.A.F. plane crashed on the North-West Frontier.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

DESPITE THE COLD, the British and French troops on the Western Front have resumed patrol activity. The Nazis, however, are still keeping to their dug-outs and shelters, with the result that the Allies have undisputed possession of "No Man's Land" at the moment.

There was heavy German artillery fire west of the Saar on Wednesday night, and French artillery replied strongly.

Although there is hardly any air activity, a lone Nazi plane is reported to have made a long reconnaissance flight over north-east France.—Reuter.

Clash In Vosges

An official communique issued last evening refers to a clash in the Vosges, and says that one of the Allied outposts repulsed an attack made by an enemy detachment.

"We have taken a few prisoners," the communique concludes.—Reuter.

GERMANY SCORES A "SCOOP"

London, To-day.

Transocean yesterday morning cited from a Munich newspaper what purported to be an account of a speech delivered at a "secret sitting of the House of Commons on December 15th."

The report was said to have been based on information received from "reliable neutral circles," but immediately afterwards is referred to as being based "on an authorised extract."

The secret session was held on December 13th and Parliament adjourned next day for the Christmas Recess. The Commons, therefore, was not in session on December 15th.

It may be recalled that on December 12th, a Liberal member sought a ruling from the Speaker on whether it was a fact that any Member who repeated outside, even in private conversation, anything said in the House during the secret session would be guilty of a breach of privilege.

SPEAKER'S RULING

In reply, citing authorities, the Speaker said that a Member who so acted would be wilfully disobeying an Order of the House and thereby committing a gross breach of privilege rendering himself liable to reprimand, commitment to prison or in an extreme case, expulsion from the House.

In the light of the Speaker's ruling, the "reliability" of neutral circles claiming to give information about the secret proceedings of the British House of Commons and the "authority" on which the alleged extracts have been made from speeches delivered at the secret session can be easily judged.—British Wireless.

HOLLAND PROTESTS TO GERMANY

The Hague, To-day.

A special meeting of the Netherlands Cabinet was held unexpectedly yesterday.

It is believed that the despatch of a protest to Germany concerning the torpedoing of the steamer Arandskerk may have been discussed.—Reuter.

THIRTY R.N. SUBMARINE SURVIVORS

Berlin, To-day.

It is stated by official sources that four officers and 26 men of the lost British submarines Seahorse, Undine and Starfish have hitherto been rescued.

The submarines were sunk by the Nazis in the Heligoland Bight.—Reuter.

SOVIET APOLOGISES

Stockholm, To-day.

The Soviet, replying to the Swedish protest against the aerial violation of Swedish territory, has expressed regret for the incident.

The Note, which was handed to the Swedish charge d'affaires in Moscow, declares that two Soviet planes flew over the Swedish frontier in error when they had lost their bearings in a snowstorm.—Reuter.

R.A.F. ATTACK ON SYLT

Copenhagen, To-day.

Heavy anti-aircraft fire from the southern part of Sylt, the Nazi seaplane base in the North Sea, began at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. It is reported from Toender.

At the same time, 10 big German planes went up from the aerodrome at List, at the northern end of the island of Sylt, and flew directly south.

A little later five Messerschmidts took to the air from Schleswig, just south of the Danish frontier, and flew westward.

Very heavy gunfire was heard soon afterward, probably from warships, though the action may have taken place in the Heligoland region.

EXPLOSIONS HEARD

Anti-aircraft fire from Sylt lasted until 8.30 a.m., and two hours later five planes coming from the north-west passed over List and five explosions were heard immediately afterwards.

It is believed these explosions occurred in the Sylt towns of Rantum and Keltun.

There was heavy anti-aircraft fire the whole time, and machinegun fire from the five planes was also heard.

Great activity continues to be reported over Sylt, with planes coming and going.—Reuter.

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JAPANESE ARMY SECRETLY BITTER OVER THE AFFAIR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

THE SUDDENNESS OF THE appointment of Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai to the Premiership when the general public and press were convinced that either Prince Fumimaro Konoye or Gen. S. Hata would succeed Gen. Abe was unprecedented in Japanese political history.

The announcement made a deep sensation in all circles, particularly Army ones, which were convinced that the Emperor would call Gen. Hata as the normal successor to Gen. Abe. This conviction became almost a certainty when Gen. Hata was summoned to the Palace on Sunday evening when the decision to appoint Admiral Yonai had already been reached.

DR. SALAZAR ON THE WAR

Madrid, To-day.

Indications of a similarity in Spanish and Portuguese reactions to the war in Europe is given by the Madrid radio.

The Madrid radio quoted from an article appearing in a leading Spanish paper by Dr. Salazar, Portuguese Prime Minister, in which he said that economic problems, population questions or the absence of riches in the subsol were not sufficient reasons for the present conflict.

Rather, it had been brought about by a deterioration in spiritual values; a spirit of egotism and passion was let loose in the world to-day.—Reuter.

RUMANIA'S DEFENCES

BUCHAREST, TO-DAY.

RUMANIA HAS COMPLETED THE BUILDING OF HER FRONTIER FORTIFICATIONS ALONG THE RUMANIAN-RUSSIAN BORDER AS FAR AS THE BLACK SEA, IT IS LEARNED.

The fortifications include dykes, tank-traps and other works; the dykes link up all the rivers from the Carpathians, making flooding easy in time of need.

Work on these fortifications, it is understood, has been carried out secretly ever since September, 1938.—Reuter.

U.S. AMBASSADOR'S MOVEMENTS

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Nelson T. Johnson who arrived from Peking yesterday morning, received foreign and Japanese officials during the day. He is expected to remain here for four days and then proceed up the Yangtse.—Our Own Correspondent.

MORGENTHAU OBJECTS ON PRINCIPLE

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of Treasury, stated yesterday that as a matter of policy he was still opposed to using Government funds in any way to take over British holdings of American securities.—Reuter.

It was later revealed that Mr. Kurahei Yuasa, Lord-Keeper of the Privy Seal, insisted on this "camouflaging" and wantonly left the Japanese press to announce that Gen. Hata was the most likely candidate.

The Throne's tactics in placing before the public and the Army a fait "accompli" was motivated by the desire to quash, in advance any rumours that Admiral Yonai was strongly opposed by the Army mainly because the Navy, and the Admiral himself, had been strongly opposed to the projected military alliance with Germany and Italy as advocated by the Army.

The Admiral had even been described as the man who torpedoed the alliance before Hitler himself scuttled it.

COMMAND ACCEPTED

Nevertheless, with typical discipline, the Japanese Army and General Hata accepted the Emperor's command and the latter accepted to retain his post as War Minister under Adml. Yonai.

The only sign of this episode was the very bitter article published in the Kokumin Shimbun, which is closely connected with Army circles stating that Admiral Yonai's appointment was due to underhand action by "statesmen close to the Throne" who had been looking forward to him as a future candidate for Premiership "ever since the time he quashed the Japanese-German alliance by opposing it when as Navy Minister in the Hirayama Cabinet."—Havas.

SHANSI "REVOLT" NOW OVER

Chungking, To-day.

The fighting among the troops of Marshal Yen Hsi-shan in Shansi has now ceased, according to authoritative quarters.

It is stated that fighting was confined to a few minor clashes between 3,000 new recruits, who were about to be discharged because they refused to obey orders, and other sectors of Marshal Yen's forces.

Most of the troublemakers have been rounded up.

The suggested danger of civil war is strongly deprecated here.

It is pointed out that with several million men at the front or in training, isolated cases of insubordination cannot entirely be avoided.—Reuter.

RUMANIAN OIL CONTROL BOARD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bucharest, To-day.

The Government has decided to create a "national oil commissariat" to control Rumanian oil production and sales, co-ordinate all oil industries, control exports and provide the army with its needs.—Havas.

OFFICIAL BEST SELLERS

London, To-day.

Sales of the Government Blue Book on German-Polish relations up to the outbreak of war have now reached the amazing total of 565,000 copies.

When the sale of some 25,000 copies ordinarily places a novel in the category of best seller, the extent of the interest created by the publication of this documentary survey can easily be judged.

Indeed, the Stationery Office in recent months has had several notable publishing hits—the pamphlet on the German concentration camps has had a sale of 377,000 copies—and it is anticipated that the sales of the report on Russo-British relations, to be published within a few weeks, will, at least, rival the earlier Stationery Office best sellers.—British Wireless.

BRITISH TRADE KEEPING UP

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TRADE FIGURES FOR DECEMBER AGAIN ILLUSTRATE THE SUCCESSFUL MAINTENANCE OF THE NORMAL LEVELS OF SEABORNE TRAFFIC IN BRITISH PORTS.

The value of imports was 17 per cent. higher than in December, 1938.

The improvement is authoritatively stated to be due to a genuine increase in purchases abroad and not, as it was possible to conclude by the November showing, due merely to the delay in the clearance of imports during the first two months of war.

More significant still are the export figures which for the first time since war began are ahead of the 1938 levels, namely three per cent. higher than in December, 1938.

There was a really substantial increase in exports of coal, spirits, textile products and chemicals.

The value of coal, spirits and rayon and staple fibre exported during 1939 was substantially higher than during either of the two preceding years.—Reuter.

TO MECCA

Jeddah, To-day.

The Pilgrimage to Holy Islam is now in Mecca, the total number of pilgrims being about 23,000, of whom 6,250 are Indians. This is about the average for the past 10 years.

Thanks are being expressed here for the special arrangements by the Government of India which enabled Indians to share in the pilgrimage even in war-time.—Reuter.

ILLINOIS SUPPORTS THIRD TERM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

After visiting the White House yesterday Mayor Kelly of Chicago told pressmen: "Illinois State delegates to the Democrat Convention will support President Roosevelt for a third term with or without the President's agreement."

The statement is considered highly important because Illinois has 58 votes at the Convention.

Another reason is that it constitutes a clear indication of the Democratic attitude towards the thorny third term question.—Havas.

B.F.R.D.C. GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China Hong Kong and South China Branch has sanctioned the following further payments from the Fund, and cheques have been forwarded accordingly:—(1) Hong Kong Refugee and Social Welfare Council for food kitchens for January-June, 1940. \$15,000; (2) Rev H. A. Wittenbach, to meet unexpected and unbudgeted special expenditure in connection with typhoon damage mateds \$500; (3) Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society of China, for the purchase of agricultural implements and seeds and for food kitchens, for Po On, Waichow and Tungkung \$10,000.

The Board has also agreed to continue grant of \$1,000. a month to Rev. H. A. Wittenbach for a further six months (i. e. from January to June, 1940), in respect of relief agencies under his direction in the Chungshan area. A cheque for \$1,000. in respect of January 1940 has been forwarded.

GILT-EDGED BOOSTED

London, To-day.

On the Stock Exchange, following yesterday's announcement in connection with the four and a half per cent. conversion loan, gilt-edged securities moved up sharply, which inactive dealings and profit-taking sales quickly absorbed.

Czechoslovakian eight per cent. bonds rose from 49½ to 51, and Prague 7½ per cents. from 35 to 45. Other sections were also cheerful.

Wall Street is reported to be quietly steady.—Reuter.

ANATOLIA QUAKE TOLL

Ankara, To-day.

It is reported that 50 were killed and 160 injured when two more tremors shook southern Anatolia during Wednesday night. There were eight tremors in northern Anatolia, already devastated in the last quakes, but as yet there are no reports through of casualties or damage.—Reuter.

News Snack Bar

ICE BATTLE ON THE WESTERN FRONT

I HAVE JUST SEEN an unforgettable close-up of war as it is being fought now on the Western Front. It was not the picture of war on the grand scale, writes a correspondent with the French army.

It concerns, in fact, fewer than a dozen men. But this experience seems to hold the essence of drama, of courage and of chivalry.

It was after I had explained to French officers that I wished to share, if only in a small way, the conditions and risks of the men I write about, that I won permission to visit a certain advance post.

With a quick marching officer setting the pace I ploughed up mountain sides through deep snow and ice until we reached the crests.

ON THE ALERT

We were constantly on the alert for Germans. At the last but one of the outposts we learned that a French party had preceded us to ambush a German patrol.

Soon after we had quit the outpost I heard the crack of rifles in the valley.

More warily than before we marched silently, in Indian file, guarded in front and at the rear by soldiers with rifles and light machine guns.

Suddenly from a nearby wood there was the sound of footsteps and of breaking twigs. The moment of anxiety ended when a French soldier emerged. He was one of the ambush party.

"Mon Capitaine, mon Capitaine," he called. "We have put the patrol on the run and we have two prisoners. One is wounded, and we are carrying him up here. The other is an officer. He is not hurt."

CHIVALRY

The party bearing the wounded man came up the mountainside. They carried him on a canvas ground sheet, laid him on the snow.

With a fine sense of chivalry the four soldiers took off their overcoats and their jackets in bitter cold and made blankets and a pillow for him.

He was wounded in the leg and the shoulder, pale from cold and loss of blood.

The behaviour of the French soldiers at this moment was an interesting study. It was half jubilation at their success over the patrol, half sympathy for their wounded prisoner.

The officer who led the ambush is in peace, a priest, and member of a missionary order.

He had watched the Germans for days, and when he was certain of their movements he formed the ambush party. He brought down two of the Germans himself.

HE WAS STUPEFIED

The German officer had raised his head cautiously above a rugged ledge and was almost stupefied to find himself looking down the barrel of a French rifle fifteen feet away. He surrendered.

When the Red Cross men came with the stretcher, one of them dressed the soldier's leg wound.

He pinned the bandage, smiled and said, "That better, old fellow?" They got him on the stretcher and let him rest awhile.

A soldier talked to him. The words were meaningless to the prisoner, but we could see he knew they were friendly.

I went on to the advance post. There I saw a German ambulance drive along the road near the scene of the ambush. Four stretcher parties went out and brought in their wounded.

Knights Of The Beret

A French regiment which has distinguished itself by its valour has been given permission by the Commander-in-Chief to wear the large black Basque beret instead of its present round peaked cap.

Danes Honour Dead Pilot

Military honours were accorded by the Danes at the funeral of a British pilot whose badly-burned body was washed ashore at Kiltmoeller, on the north-west coast of Jutland.

"Degrading" Defined

One of the latest and most popular of the songs sung by German soldiers, "We go against England," is not to be played as a dance tune. Party officials explain that this would be "degrading" to the song.

Black-Out Find A

Gestapo Badge?

A metal Swastika badge picked up in street at Brighton is puzzling the police.

It is similar in design to that of the official badge of the German Gestapo.

Mr. Roy Moreton, of Herbert-road, Brighton was walking home in the black-out when he saw the badge sparkling on the pavement in the lights of a car.

He took the badge to Brighton Police Station.



"Mr. Hitler's neutrality" ("New York Herald-Tribune").

Nazi Flyers' 1 A.M. Dash

Three German airmen have been interned in Switzerland after landing in France by parachute and then fleeing across the Swiss frontier.

It was revealed in Zurich that the three airmen, all suffering from slight injuries, crossed the frontier at one o'clock in the morning.

Unrehearsed

A German propagandist had bad luck yesterday on an "outside" broadcast from a Polish village near Cracow.

Questioning a German inhabitant for Polish ill-treatment propaganda, he asked: "And have your children been forced to go to a Polish school?"

"Oh, no," was the answer. "We've a very good German private school in our village."

The broadcast was immediately faded out.

Postcard From

Germany Charge

A postcard from Germany figured in a case at Hull when Samuel Appleyard, aged forty-four, ship's steward, of Clee-road, Cleethorpes, Lincs, was remanded on £5 bail accused of having it in his possession.

He is alleged to have received the card at Rotterdam in reply to a communication he sent from there to Germany.

Detective-Sergeant Rhodes, of the Special Branch of Scotland Yard, said that Appleyard told him he had an explanation to offer, and a statement was taken from him in writing.

Raiders To Be

Met With Song

If ever German raiders visit Sheffield they will be greeted with such a volume of song that they will think a choral reception has been arranged for them.

The idea is the Education Committee's. They are planning to make the city ring with patriotic songs in an air raid.

Fifty-five thousand children are being taught fourteen songs, and the choruses will start immediately they are settled in their shelters.

It will keep their minds off the raid, the authorities say.

HE LEFT THREE OLD SERVANTS A HOUSE EACH

Three men whose length of service for him totals nearly a century have been left a house each in the will of Mr. Richard George Gatehouse, brewery director, of Abbot's Grange, Lower Bebington, Cheshire.

The men are Mr. Gatehouse's butler, James Hawkins, employed by him for forty years; his chauffeur, Alfred Rogers, senior, thirty-five years; and his gardener, Sidney Blanthorne, nineteen years.

Every servant at the Grange was left £10 for each year of service.

A member of the household told the press that Mr. Gatehouse bought the three houses for them some time ago.

Mr. Gatehouse left £283,000.

Pray Don't Do It

During his announcements in the Parish Church at Ashford, Middlesex, the Rev. E. Streete, vicar, told his congregation:

"I have no objection to buttons being put into the offertory plates, but please don't take them off the hassocks."

Shakespeare On The

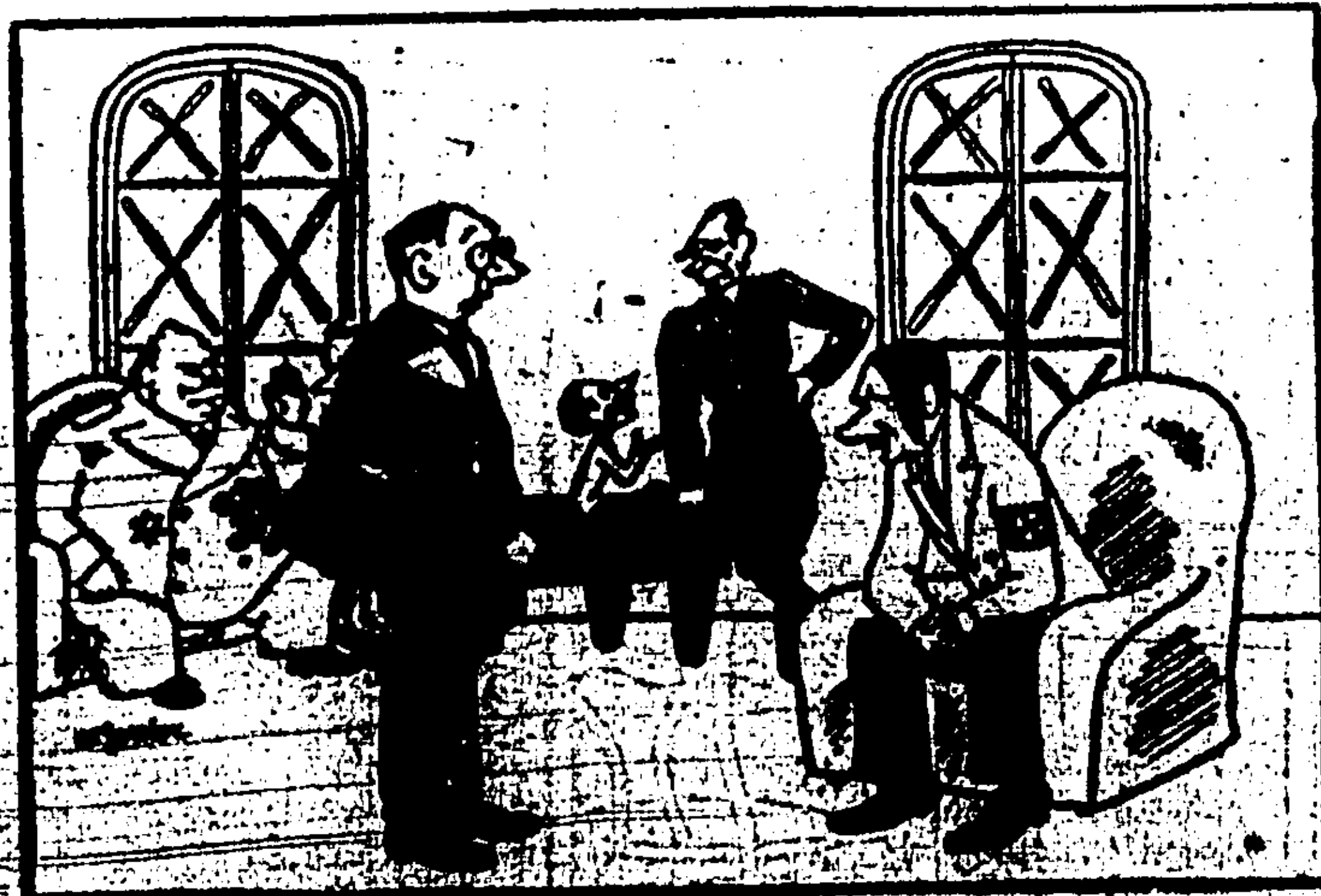
Black-Out

For my part, I have walk'd about the streets Submitting me unto the perilous night.

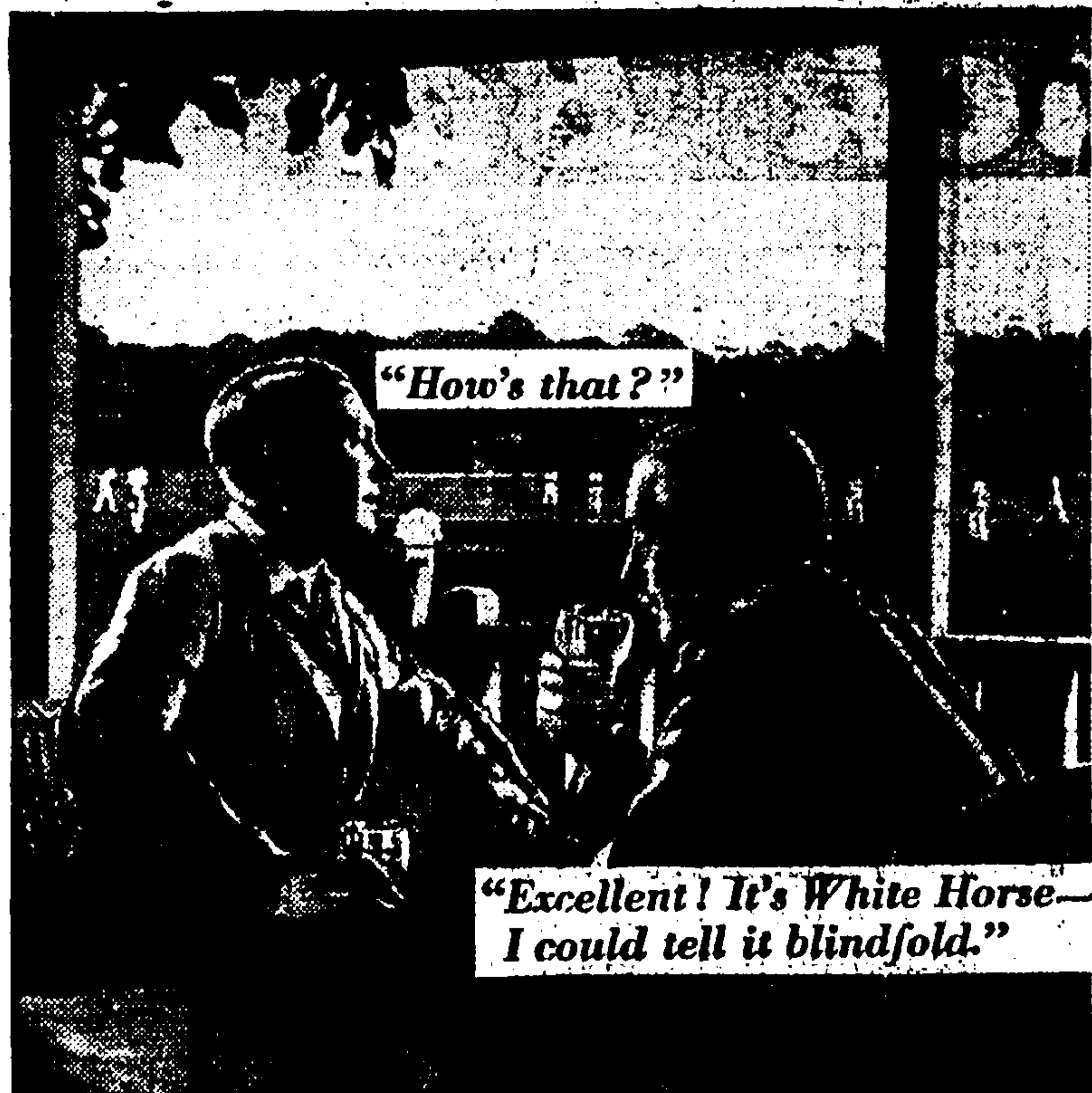
"Julius Caesar," I.3

The Funeral Party

Funerals and weddings are to be shown special consideration under Norway's food rationing, according to a report in an Oslo newspaper, and extra supplies of coffee and sugar, not exceeding 4½ lb. of each, may be drawn off for them. Organizations and associations may also apply for additional quantities of coffee and sugar when they are preparing a funeral or wedding party.



AFTER THE BOMB. Of course, Hitler—disappearing Providence had made a mess of things! (From the "Petit Parisien").



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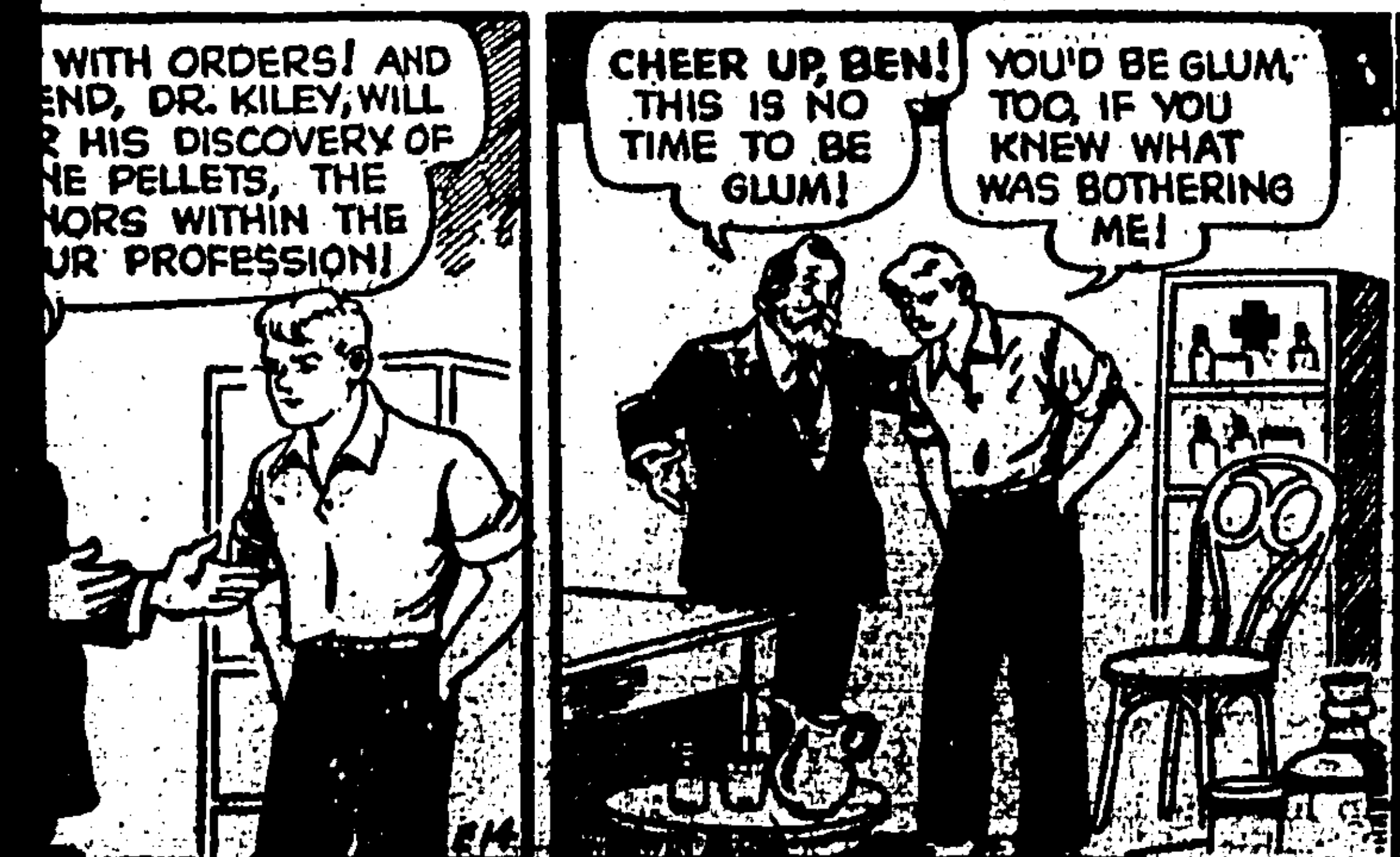
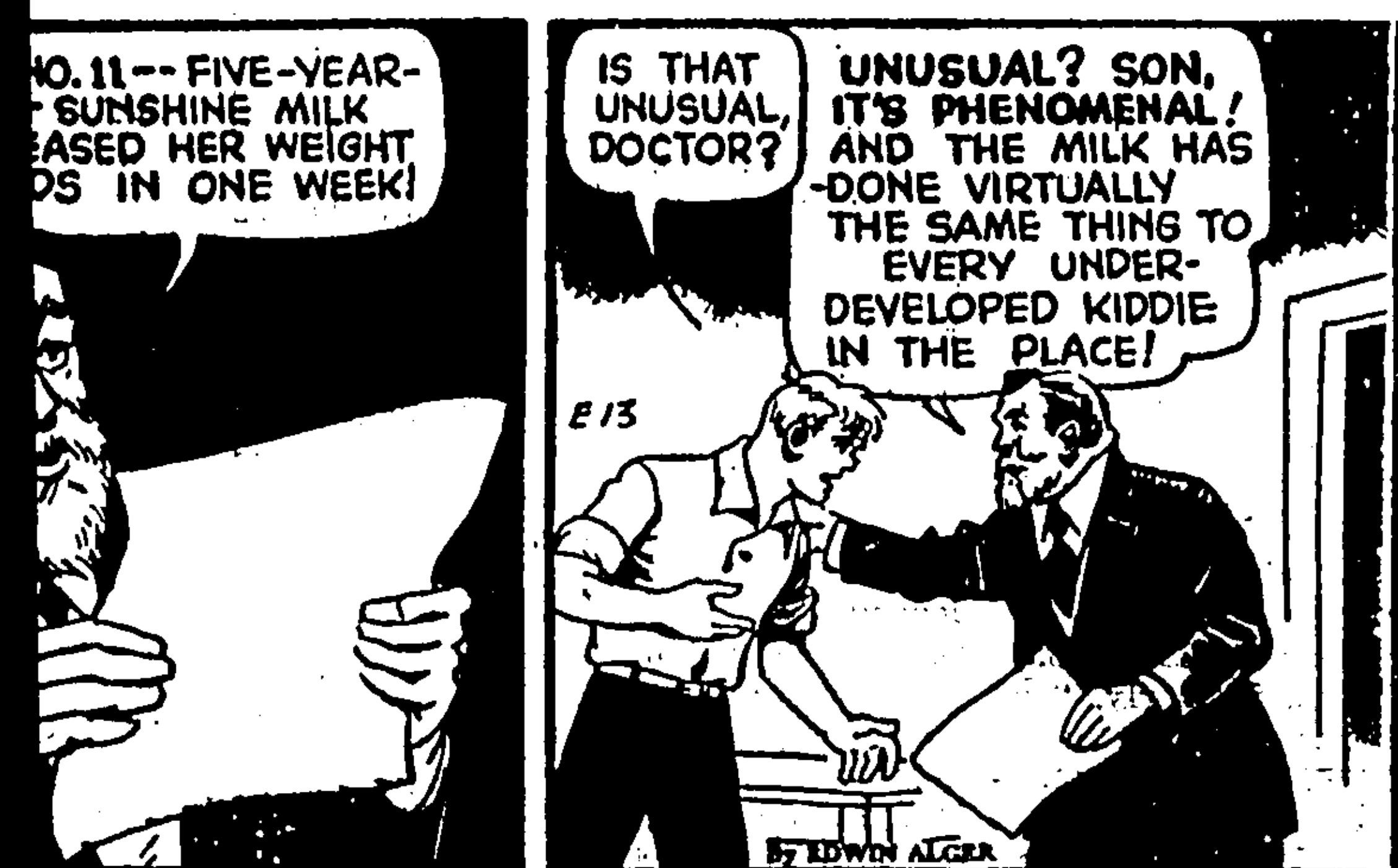
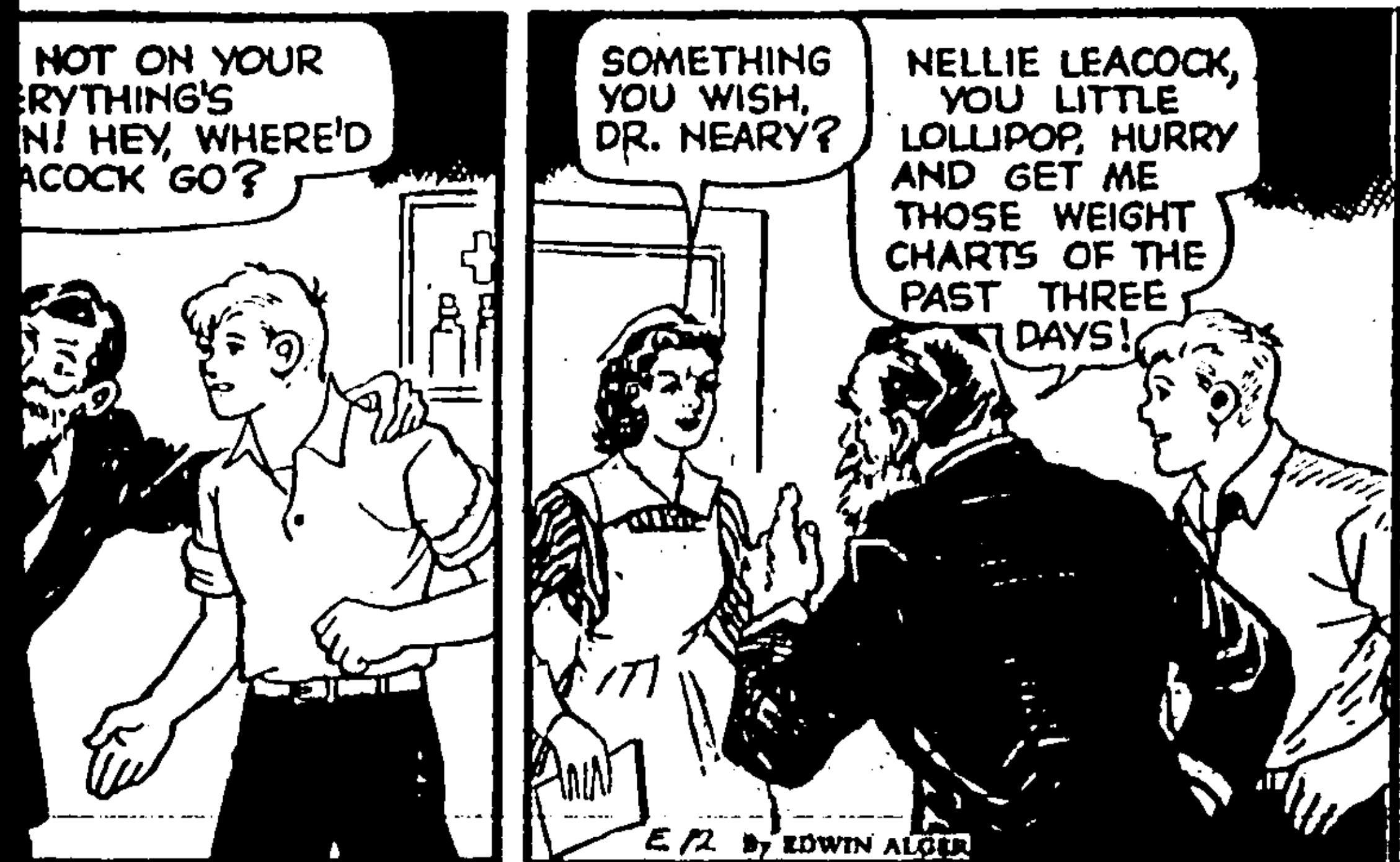
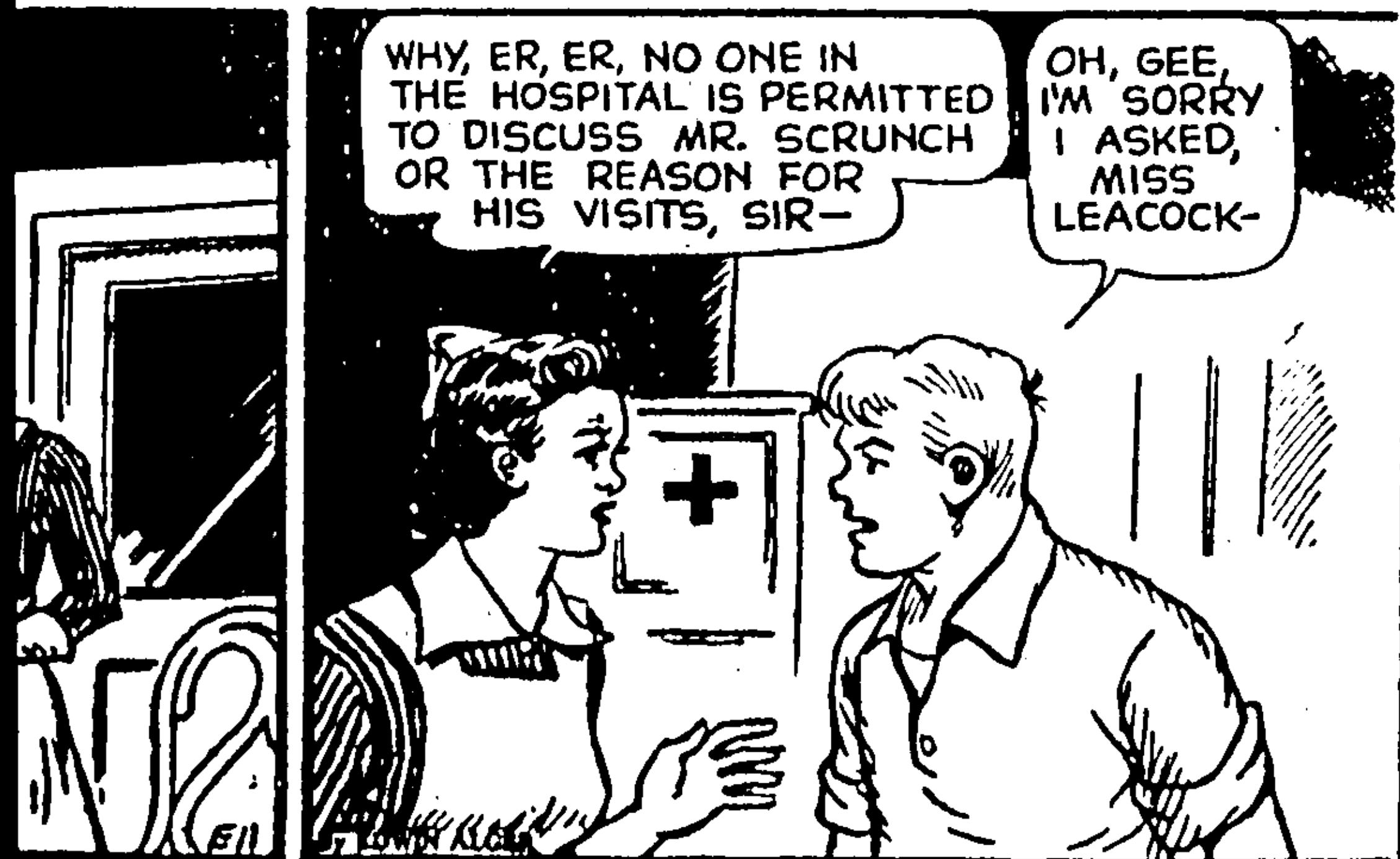
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SHORT STORY

SPIDER'S PARLOUR

By LEO GREX

THE faded gilt lettering over the low, frowzy window announced "Spider's Parlour." Actually the place was one of the worst dives in Tiger Bay, that waterfront section of the Cardiff docks which is one of the world's toughest spots for shore-leave sailors and police.

In the back room a group of men were gathered round a table. Tobacco smoke blued the air.

"I want you all to know," the lean man with the smudge of black moustache along his upper lip was saying, "that Jingo's out of the way for good. Get that—for good."

His eyes roved the room, and before their challenging glitter the glances of the other men drooped. All save one. Joe Loftus feared neither man nor devil. Some said it was the Irish streak in him, which was broad, others that it was the nigger streak, which was broad enough to give his face a deep tan.

"How did you fix it, Spider?" asked Joe.

Spider Magee's knuckles gleamed whitely as he shifted his weight on to his clenched fists.

"The cops found him with a load of heroin, and he couldn't give a satisfactory answer."

Joe smiled.

"You framed him, huh?"

Spider frowned. "I got rid of him, Joe—that's what I did. We can't afford, in this organisation, to have anyone holding out. We can't afford to have to carry a passenger. Agreed?"

There were grunts of cautious approval. Joe Loftus remained the only gaze directed at Magee's face.

"I would have had him rubbed out," said Spider, his tone suggesting that he had the softest heart in the world. "But I thought of his girl. She wouldn't like it."

Joe laughed.

"No, an' she wouldn't like you, Spider—huh?"

Magee scowled.

"I don't have to take that sort of lip, Joe," he reminded the other.

Joe wasn't perturbed. "You don't have to take anything, but you do," he grinned. "A hell of a lot."

For a moment there was uneasy silence, broken when Spider said, "Just to prevent any misunderstanding, I'm taking over Betty. See?"

They saw all right. Betty was the blue-eyed blonde who had hung to Jingo's arm. Jingo hadn't gone down with Spider, and now the police had him on a trumped-up charge which Magee had fixed. All of which went to show how dangerous it was to cross Spider, and how he usually got what he wanted in the end.

"Does Betty know it?" asked Joe, lighting a fresh cigarette.

For a moment the Spider's eyes gleamed wildly, but the next instant he had himself in control.

"She's here right now, waiting to be pleasant."

There were one or two snickers.

"So that's why you shopped Jingo," said Joe. "You wanted his girl, Spider."

Magee sat down in his chair, and remained very still.

"I don't have to take that from you, Joe," he said very quietly.

"It might happen to any of us," said Joe. "We want to know where we stand. Don't we, boys?"

There was a muttered assent. No one could have said where it originated, or who had opened his lips. Magee watched the others, and saw that he had to do something to retain his hold on the situation.

"I'll tell you where you stand," he said. "We shift the rest of the stuff to-night, to the new dump. I've got word that Scotland Yard are sending a special investigator down here. There's been too much dope slipping into the country, and they've decided it doesn't all come up the Thames. All right, we move ahead of things. That way we keep safe."

"Not me," said Joe, and the others stared at him. "I want my pay-out now. I've done my share. But I'm not landing any with a special investigator from the Yard. Those monkeys have every trick in their

bag." He stood up, towering into the smoky shadows above the cabin-lamp. "I'll take my share now, Spider, and drift."

His hand came away from his coat pocket holding a gun.

"Just to show I'm taking no chances," he grinned. "And that I don't like guys who trade in pals for their girl."

His smile was gone, replaced by a blank mask, in which his eyes shone like round buttons.

But unfortunately for Joe Loftus it was too late to have ideals. Spider Magee was in the game too deep too risk a man getting out at this stage. He had prepared long weeks ago against any such happening.

Under the table his hand sought something cold and hard that lay on a cunningly contrived ledge. Joe Loftus slithered to the floor under the hail of bullets directed at him. The others sprang back from the table, cowering.

"A pity," said Spider, rising slowly, "but the fool had it coming to him. His mouth was getting too slack. Grab your chairs. I haven't finished. I'm coming to the important part, and I haven't a hell of a lot of time."

Sheepishly the others resumed their seats. The sprawled body of Joe remained on the floor, untouched by the glare of yellow light falling on the scarred table-top.

Spider's voice droned on.

Behind him hung a heavy curtain. Behind the curtain was a locked door. Behind the locked door was a room that would have staggered any of those other men in the dingy room behind the shop. It was sumptuously furnished. Indirect light fell upon velvet and chrome. Thick pile carpets covered the floor. It was a room one would have expected to find in the most exclusive Mayfair flat, not tucked away behind a waterfront dive in Tiger Bay.

The girl in the room had bright, corn-coloured hair, and in the soft pencil-lighting reflected from the pastel-tinted walls her eyes were of that deep gentian blue that usually accompanies a flawless skin.

She was working over the tumblers of a safe, all her attention given to her task. At last, with a deft turn, the door of the safe swung open.

Eagerly she stepped forward and examined the contents. There were stacks of papers, bundles of money, bonds, some small packages wrapped in tissue paper. There were pieces of jewellery, the proceeds of one of Spider's side-lines. But the girl did not concern herself with these. She hunted until she found a small red-bound book. A glance revealed that it had the information she sought.

Then she was putting back the other papers, the bundles of currency, and the jewellery. She had closed the door of the safe and sprang the lock, and just had time to compose herself upon a silk-covered divan, when the farther door opened, and Magee, smiling with anticipation, came in.

The door clicked shut behind him. "Well, Betty, now I have been able to clear up a little business I've got time to look after you, sweetheart."

The girl felt a deep fear stir within her, but there was no fear in her face, as she turned towards him. She knew that the one thing she must never show Spider Magee was fear. Her loathing, which rose until it all but choked her, had to be controlled, hidden. He must never suspect her secret, never! Or else.

His words broke rudely upon her thoughts.

"What have you got to say to me, Betty? Aren't you glad to see me?"

The girl rose, facing the wolfish glare in his eyes. As his arms closed about her she felt faint, but steeled herself to undergo the ordeal. She had to. Everything, she told herself, depended upon her.

"Of course, Spider. But you've been a long time."

He stood back, holding her arms, devouring her with his gaze.

"I'm a busy man, Betty. I have a lot of things to attend to, you know."

He laughed lightly. "Yes, a great

deal of things—but they can wait now.

"By God, yes, they can wait—everything can wait now!"

Again faintness assailed her limbs, and again she made an effort that wearied her.

"I don't think you really like me, Spider, or you wouldn't have kept me so long." Yes, that was it, she told herself, she must appear petulant, annoyed. That would hold him off, give her time. She had to have time.

"You think I'm pretty, but I'm only a passing fancy, aren't I, Spider? I'm not—"

He swept her into his arms again. "You're everything I want right now," he said huskily, and the wolfish expression returned to his face.

He kissed her brutally. "Betty, I'm crazy about you. Understand? Why, if a man came between us I'd kill him with my own hands."

She strained against him.

"But Jingo!" she gasped.

He laughed, holding her tighter.

"Jingo! He won't trouble you again. I've taken good care of him, sweetheart. Forget him!"

"But you haven't—"

His face gloated.

"Killed him? Not yet. But later, perhaps, when—"

"No, Spider, no! Not—not murder!"

His scowl returned. "Don't say you're still feeling soft about that tramp, Betty." He seized her roughly.

"Don't tell me you—"

She struggled, against him, instinctively, blindly. She knew that in some way she had betrayed herself. She saw dawning comprehension in his face. As she twisted to elude his grasp her dress tore, the little red-bound book fell to the floor.

Spider released her. He stood gazing down at the book, as though it were a pool of blood.

"Great God!" he muttered, looking from the book to the closed safe. "So that's it—a spy! You thought you could rob Spider Magee, and get away with it. You, Jingo's girl—a nark!"

His coarse laughter beat upon her suddenly numbed senses. Then he was quiet. Horribly quiet. He stood there for moments that to the terrified girl seemed hours, just looking at her, calculating. She cowered back, facing him, defenceless.

Suddenly he flicked an arm, and in his hand was an open jack-knife. The light touched its naked blade, turning it to a bar of brightness that held her gaze as the eyes of a snake hold the attention of a bird.

Then he took the first step forward. She opened her mouth and screamed.

He laughed again, this time with sneering inflexion.

"These walls are sound-proof," he mocked her.

He advanced to within a couple of feet of her. He had only to stretch out a hand and her life could be shuned out. It was in those moments when she thought every thing lost that Betty rose to her greatest height.

"Your days as ruler of Tiger Bay, Spider Magee," she said clearly, "are over. You can kill me, but that won't change things. You'll go to the scaffold anyway."

"Words," he sneered, flourishing the knife.

"It's only postponing your end, Spider," she went on. "Jingo wasn't what you thought—"

"I suppose he was a nark like you!"

"He's inspector Jones of Scotland Yard. If he had been alive to go to the local police to-night you wouldn't have gone to bed a free man, Spider."

He grabbed one of her wrists.

"What's that you say? To-night?"

He's a Yard man—this special investigator I heard about—and he'd fixed to-night?"

"I said it's only a postponement."

"And you?" he rapped.

Her courage was now in full tide. She even smiled, and a light of the blade in his hand no longer appalled her.

"I'm engaged to him. This was his big chance to make good, and I made you."

He stared at her, his face pale.

"You're a liar, Spider!"

The words, flung like a challenge into the room, came from behind the man standing with the knife in his hand. Upon the sound Spider Magee swung round. Propped against the door was the stooped figure of Joe Loftus.

He was holding a hand to his stomach, and blood was running between his nerve-taut fingers. His other hand held a gun, and it was waving just a little.

"Try throwing that knife, Spider, and you'll never live to see how bad your aim is." The knife Spider had raised level with his chest fell again to his side. The wounded man's voice went on, "So you've been caught by your own trick, eh, Spider? You double-crossed a man and found you'd played into the hands of the police. And you wanted another girl, but this time you picked the wrong sort. Well, listen, Spider, I ain't got a hell of a lot to be proud of, but you're not ruining this kid. Walk over there, and be damned careful!"

Groping from wall to chair, from chair to table, the wounded man, his clothes soaked with blood, moved nearer to the other. Behind him he left a narrow trail of crimson on the carpet.

The girl watched that crimson streak with fascination.

So far Spider Magee had said nothing. He was waiting, watching every move made by the other, ready to pounce at the first opening. But Joe Loftus had lived a hard life, and he knew the treachery of Spider.

"You tried to kill me, Spider. I'd have been torn to shreds if I hadn't worn a steel vest. As it was a couple of slugs got under it. I never expected you to fire from under the table..." He panted. Sweat beaded his forehead like dew. He sank slowly on to the divan, still covering the other man. "And now, Spider, I'm going to rub you out. And there's a lot of people will be happy at the news, men behind bars that you've two-timed, men hiding abroad, men—"

A spasm of pain shook his body. For a moment his eyelids trembled.

That moment was sufficient for Spider Magee. It was the sign of weakness for which he had been waiting. He sprang, lithe, as though released by a coiled spring. The knife in his right hand flashed.

Then instinctively the girl acted. Snatching up a bottle from a side-table she threw it at Magee's head. The heavy glass splintered against his thin face, and she saw a stream of blood flow to his shoulder. Then Spider crumpled over the body of Joe Loftus, his knife striking against bone.

Terrified, Betty ran.

Through the door, between the curtains, across the room still heavy with tobacco smoke, and out of the door beyond into the "parlour." Ching Lee, the yellow-faced Oriental who attended the junk-shop designated by the name "parlour," jerked to attention as she appeared.

"Misses no—"

His arm was out to stay her as the door burst open, and a swarm of plain-clothed men broke in. Betty found herself encircled by a pair of strong arms and a voice that brought welling happiness into her heart was saying, "Darling, the risk was too great! I ought never to have let

Then she was smiling up into the face of the man she loved, and stay—

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G.B. SHAW COLOURED—5 GUINEAS

If a man with a clay pipe is worth a guinea, what is Mr. Bernard Shaw worth?

"Five guineas," said Deputy Judge Hamblen, who put and answered this poser at Westminster County Court recently.

Mr. L. Leigh, professional photographer, of Cleve-road, West Hampstead, N. W., had sued Mr. Henry Stead, camera dealer, of the Strand, for £18 18s., the value of nine photographic slides loaned and not returned.

A coloured slide of Mr. Shaw and one of an old man with a clay pipe were among those mission.

It was submitted that the slides were over-valued.

Mr. Leigh: It was the first time I had tried a colour film, and as I did not think I would have another chance of shooting Mr. Bernard Shaw—

Judge Hamblen: You must not put it that way, you know.

Mr. Stead said he did not know the value put on the slide of Mr. Shaw.

Judge Hamblen: Perhaps it is correct to say that he is priceless?

Judgment was given for Mr. Leigh for £5 5s. for the slide of Mr. Shaw, and £1 1s. each for the other eight missing slides, with costs.

SPIDER'S PARLOUR

(Continued from Page 16)

ing his words with the tips of her fingers.

"You couldn't stop me," she said. "I had to help, dearest. It was your chance, and you had to take it. I wanted to help—I have helped—"

He kissed her tenderly.

"But for you, Betty, it wouldn't have been possible. It would have taken weeks. Perhaps more men, and that would have meant someone else getting the credit. And if it hadn't been for you Magee would never have got me 'arrested'—the best thing—he could have done for me. And that telephone call—"

The girl who was engaged to Inspector Jones of Scotland Yard drew back, frowning.

"Which telephone call?"

"The one the station got about twenty minutes ago, telling us to come now—"

She shook her head. Things were clear now.

"That wasn't me, darling. That was someone else who had a debt to pay. He saved my life just now—Joe Loftus. If it hadn't been for him—"

She dropped her head against his shoulder and quietly cried. A plain-clothes sergeant appeared.

"They're both dead, sir—the Spider and Nigger Joe Loftus. And here's a red book with all Spider's arrangements about dope supplies, ships, suppliers, and all the rest of it—"

"Did you say Spider was dead?" asked the girl suddenly stirred by a horrible thought of what she had done with that heavy bottle.

"Yes, miss. Fell on his own knife. Made a mess of—"

The sergeant coughed. "If I may say so, sir," he said, "this ought to be a good thing for you—we've been trying to get Spider and his outfit cleaned up for five years. Now we know the whole game, players and all. We'll be able to make it a clean sweep. Yes, sir, it ought to be a very good thing—"

"Thanks, sergeant," said Inspector Jones of Scotland Yard, erstwhile Jingo of the waterfront. "I believe marriage is a very good thing—a very sound institution—an exceedingly wise investment of a lifetime, in fact."

Then he smiled. Because the girl who had so nearly missed marrying him was actually blushing.



A Pirate gets home in the Softball match with the Cardinals.

FREUD'S SON TELLS HOW HE RESCUED FATHER'S CASH

Dr. Martin Freud, son of Professor Sigmund Freud, the famous psychoanalyst, told reporter recently how he smuggled half his father's capital out of Austria.

"It was the sheer stupidity and incompetence of the Nazis that made it possible," he said.

"My father had not troubled himself with money matters for years, and left everything in my hands. The

Nazis came in to my office and ransacked the place again and again.

"They searched here, there and everywhere, and took away papers of no consequence.

"They seized all the money they could trace, but they were so stupid it never occurred to them to examine my father's bank accounts or his income-tax papers.

"If they had done so it would have been impossible to save a penny of his capital.

"How did I manage to get the £22,000 out of the country? That is quite an amusing story. One day I may be able to tell it, but I cannot do so yet without implicating friends.

All I can say now is that it was done in a strictly legal way—legal, that is, according to the laws of the old Austrian Government, but not according to the laws of the Nazis."

Professor Freud's fortune, as shown in his will published recently, amounted to £22,850. The Nazis believed, when they turned him out of Austria, that he was penniless.

NAZI OVERTURES TO DENMARK

London, Jan. 14.

The "Sunday Graphic" reported this morning that a group of German officials arrived in Copenhagen yesterday by special plane.

The officials are believed to be high personalities and to have been sent by Field-Marshal Hermann Goering.

It is understood that their mission consists of obtaining assurances from the Scandinavian states that no Allied troops will be allowed to cross the territories of these states on their way to Finland. In exchange, they are said to be offering a guarantee that Germany will not invade Scandinavia and a promise that the Reich will obtain a settlement of the Soviet-Finnish conflict. — Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has increased slightly in intensity. It remains stationary over China and the neighbouring seas, pressure continuing highest to the north of Shanghai. A depression is indicated to the north of Hokkaido.

Mr. J. Middleton-Smith, of Watson's Apartment, Bay View, was summoned this morning for allowing two dogs abroad without muzzles in Electric Road. A fine of \$10 was imposed.

TOMMIES SALUTE FIRST

British soldiers in France are to take the initiative in saluting the French troops—that is to say, they will salute first—because the British Army are regarded as guests of France.

The rule was laid down in an official British Army statement in Paris recently.

In the last war, the order of saluting between the British and French Armies was not publicly laid down.

The official announcement says: "The uniforms and rank distinctions of the French Army should be studied by all officers and men."

"It should be an accepted rule that no officer or man passes or is passed by any officer or man of the French Army without some act of recognition."

This is how the rule was explained to me by an official:

If a British captain passes a French captain, the British captain should salute first.

If a British private passes a French private the British private should take the initiative in the act of recognition.

Where a group of British officers with a captain and junior officers are saluted by a French private, all the officers must acknowledge the salute. If such a group were saluted by a British soldier the captain only would acknowledge the salute.

ROYAL VISIT TO ALDERSHOT

London, To-day.

Their Majesties yesterday paid a visit to the Aldershot Command. During the tour, the King covered nearly eight miles on foot and the Queen about half that distance. — Reuter.

BOY-FRIEND ACCUSED

Alleging that an intimate friend had proved a thief, Leung Yeung, amah employed at No. 5, Peace Avenue, visited the Mongkok Police Station yesterday and reported the loss of \$690 in money and jewellery. — Leung stated that at about 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Yip Lau, an intimate male friend, visited her. After he had left, she found the money and jewellery missing.

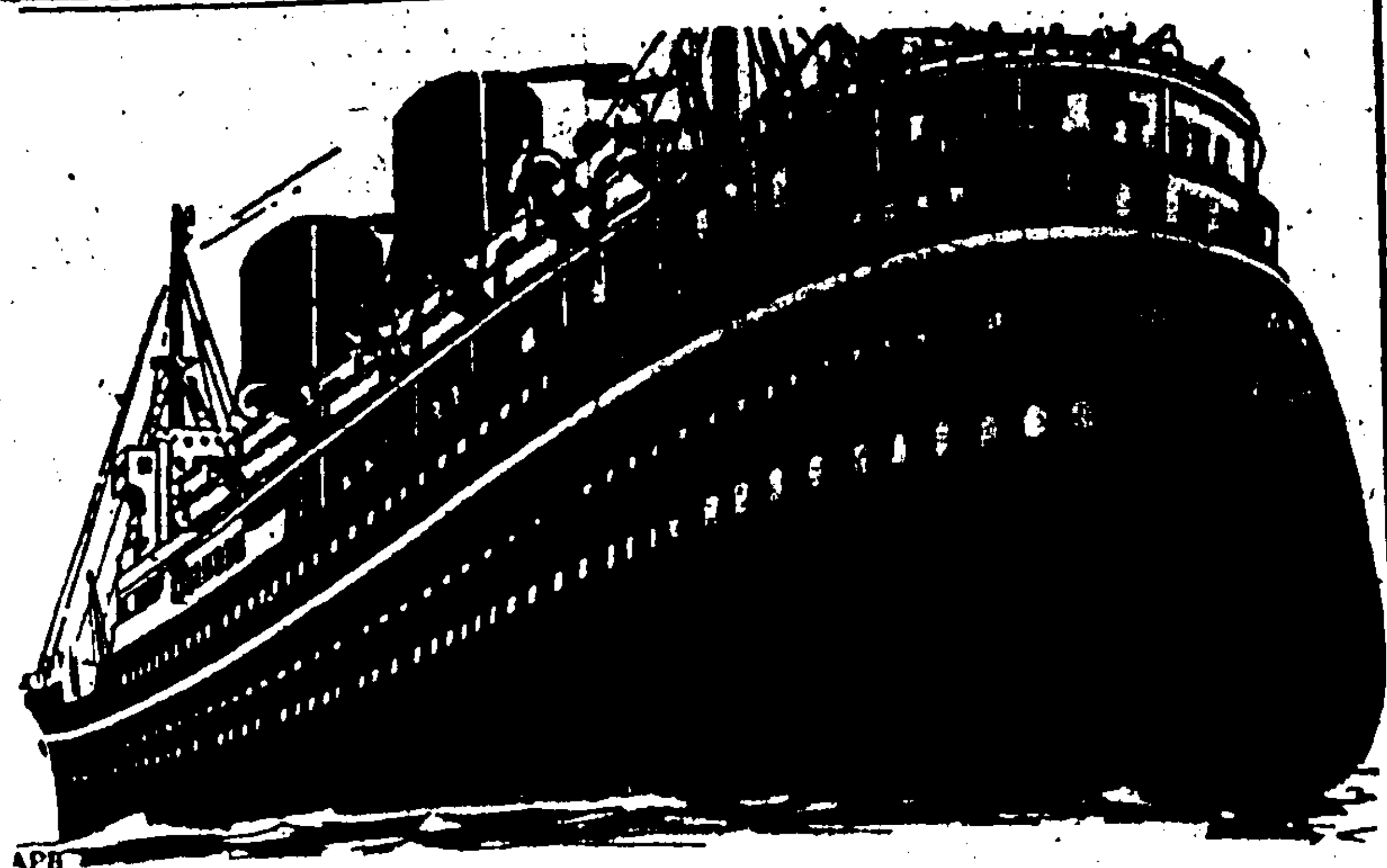
HOSPITAL THEFT

Dr. Y. Newton, of the Kowloon Hospital, has reported that someone entered his bedroom between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. to-day and stole a fountain-pen and money.

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Shanghai, Amoy and Swatow	January 20.
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Haiphong	January 21.
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Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 15th January	January 22.
Shanghai	January 23.
Java and Manila	January 23.
Straits	January 23.
Shanghai	January 24.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 17th January	January 24.
Canton	January 24.
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	January 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco, date 23rd December, 1939)	January 24.
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Manila	January 26.
Manila	January 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 4th January)	January 29.

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	SATURDAY	
Calcutta	Par.,	Jan. 19, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Canton		Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Saigon		Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard		Jan. 20, 11.30 a.m.
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Haiphong		Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
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London, 3rd March	Reg.,	Jan. 20, 5.00 p.m.
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Amoy	Ord.,	Jan. 20, 5.30 p.m.
South Africa via Durban		Jan. 20, 5.30 p.m.
	SUNDAY	
Straits and Calcutta	Par.,	Jan. 20, 5.00 p.m.
	Ord.,	Jan. 21, 9.00 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow		Jan. 21, 9.00 a.m.
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	MONDAY	
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Haiphong		Jan. 22, 1.00 p.m.
Canton		Jan. 22, 7.00 p.m.

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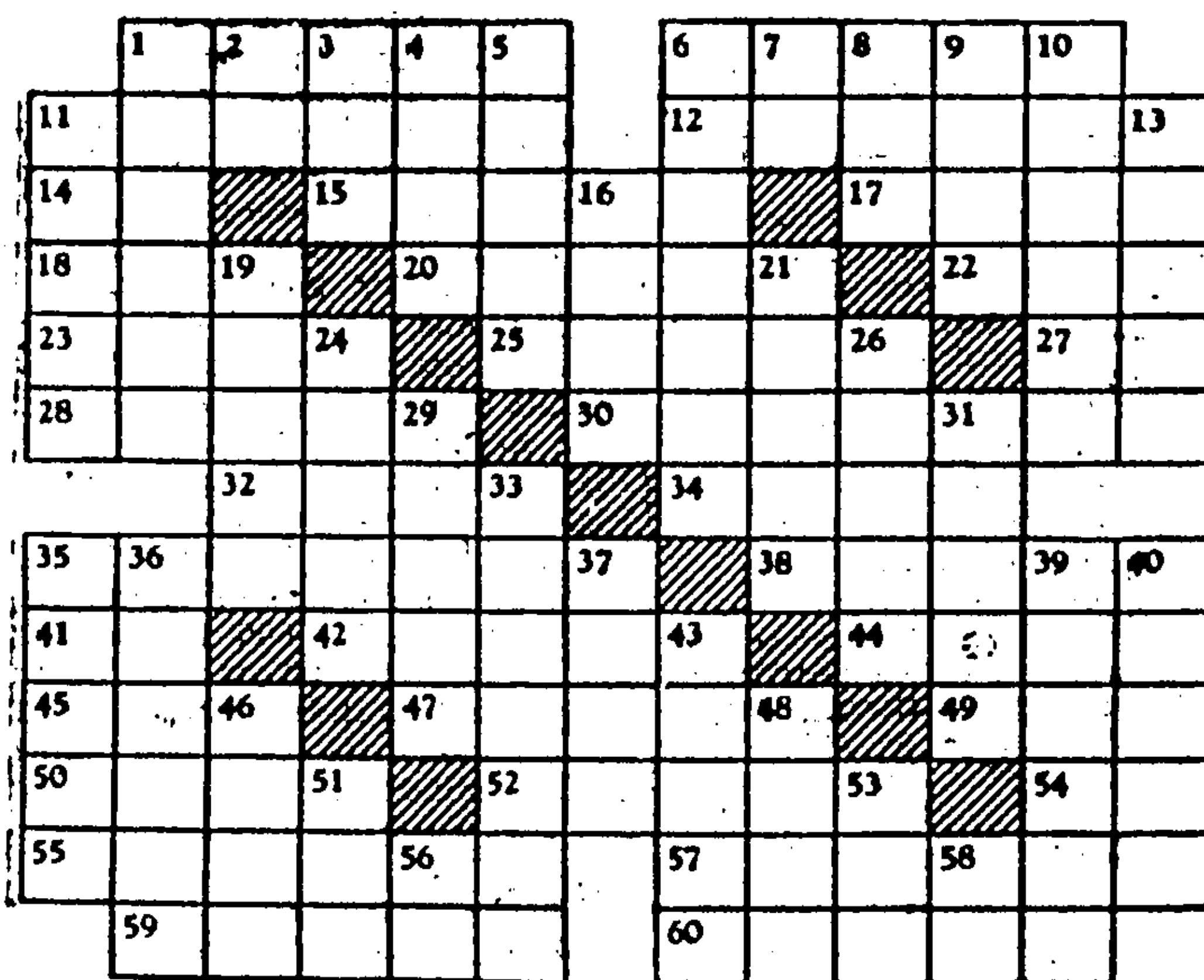
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- 1 Gem surface
- 6 Ancient Peruvians
- 11 To bare
- 12 Loops
- 14 Part of "to be"
- 15 Assessed
- 17 Stem of plant
- 18 Smart saying
- 20 Pertaining to apples
- 22 Collection of sayings
- 23 Toward the mouth
- 25 Locations
- 27 Teutonic deity
- 28 Entitles
- 30 Picks
- 32 Moslem title
- 34 Asterisk
- 35 Dwells
- 38 Horse
- 41 Italian article
- 42 Jewel weights
- 44 Reasonable
- 45 Large tub
- 47 Nostrils
- 49 Silent
- 50 Small particle

VERTICAL

- 52 Of water movement
- 54 Artificial language
- 55 Girl's name
- 57 Sculptured
- 59 Married again
- 60 Margins

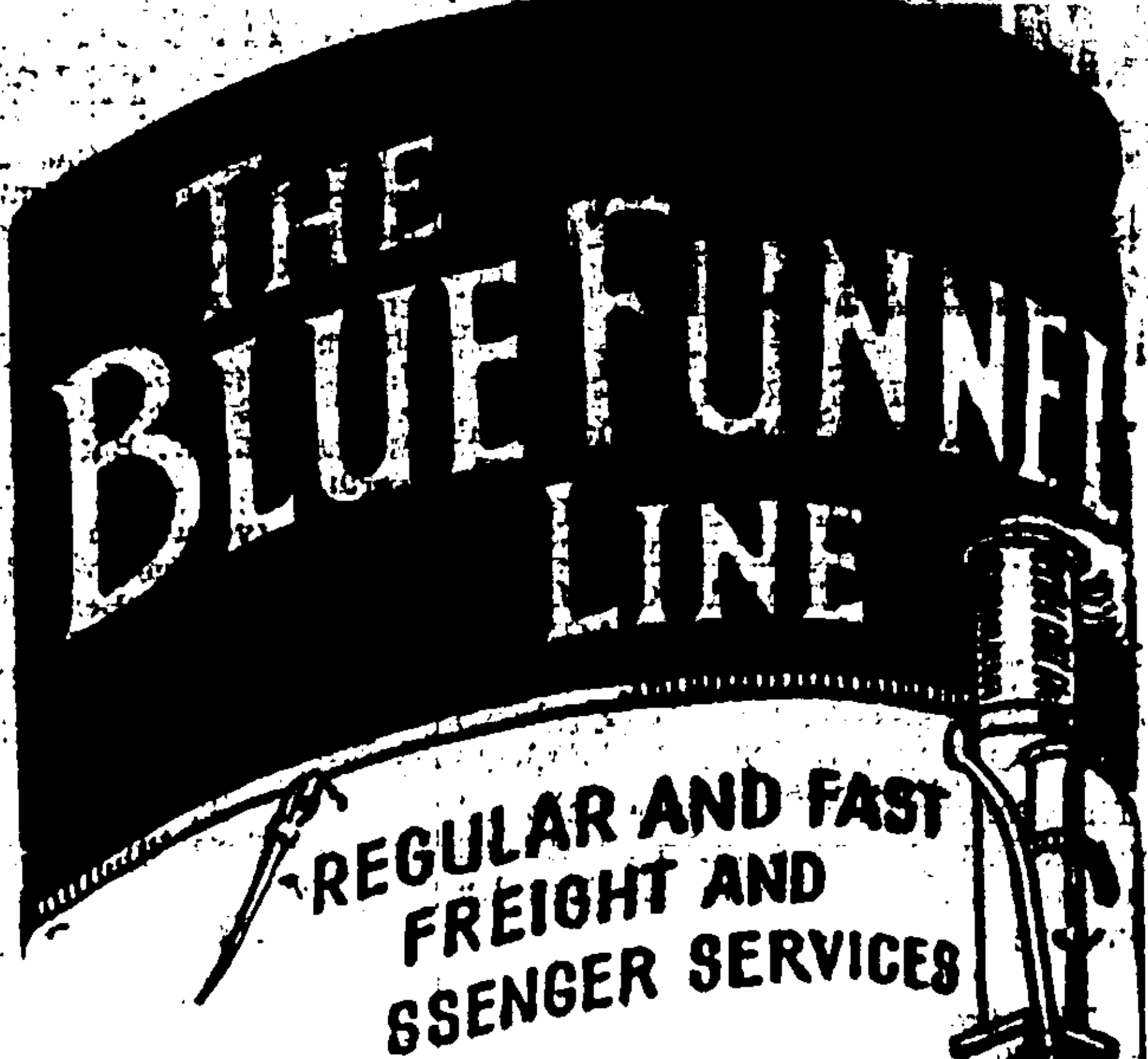
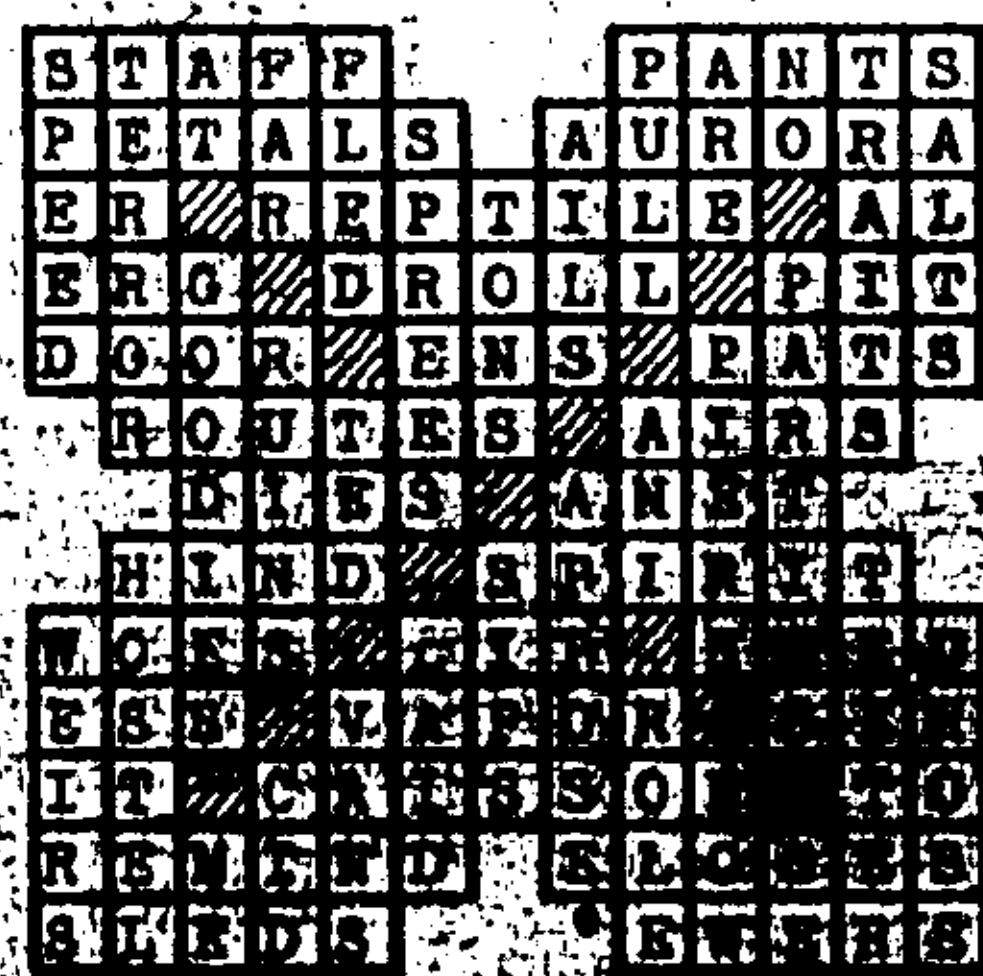
VERTICAL

- 1 Thigh bone (pl.)
- 2 One
- 3 Engraving
- 4 Holland cheese

VERTICAL

- 5 Southwestern state
- 6 Writes
- 7 Negative
- 8 Riding horse
- 9 Continent
- 10 The barracuda
- 11 Pal of Pythias
- 13 Scorchers
- 16 Nome of Greece
- 19 Subdues
- 21 Gaels
- 24 To resign
- 26 Benches
- 29 Phoenician city
- 31 Elite
- 33 Connected
- 35 Competitor
- 36 Click beetle
- 37 Hindu garment
- 39 Recreance of use
- 40 Field
- 43 Marsh plant
- 45 Cloud
- 48 Carriellan
- 51 To cut
- 53 To fall behind
- 55 Conspiring
- 58 Odin's brother

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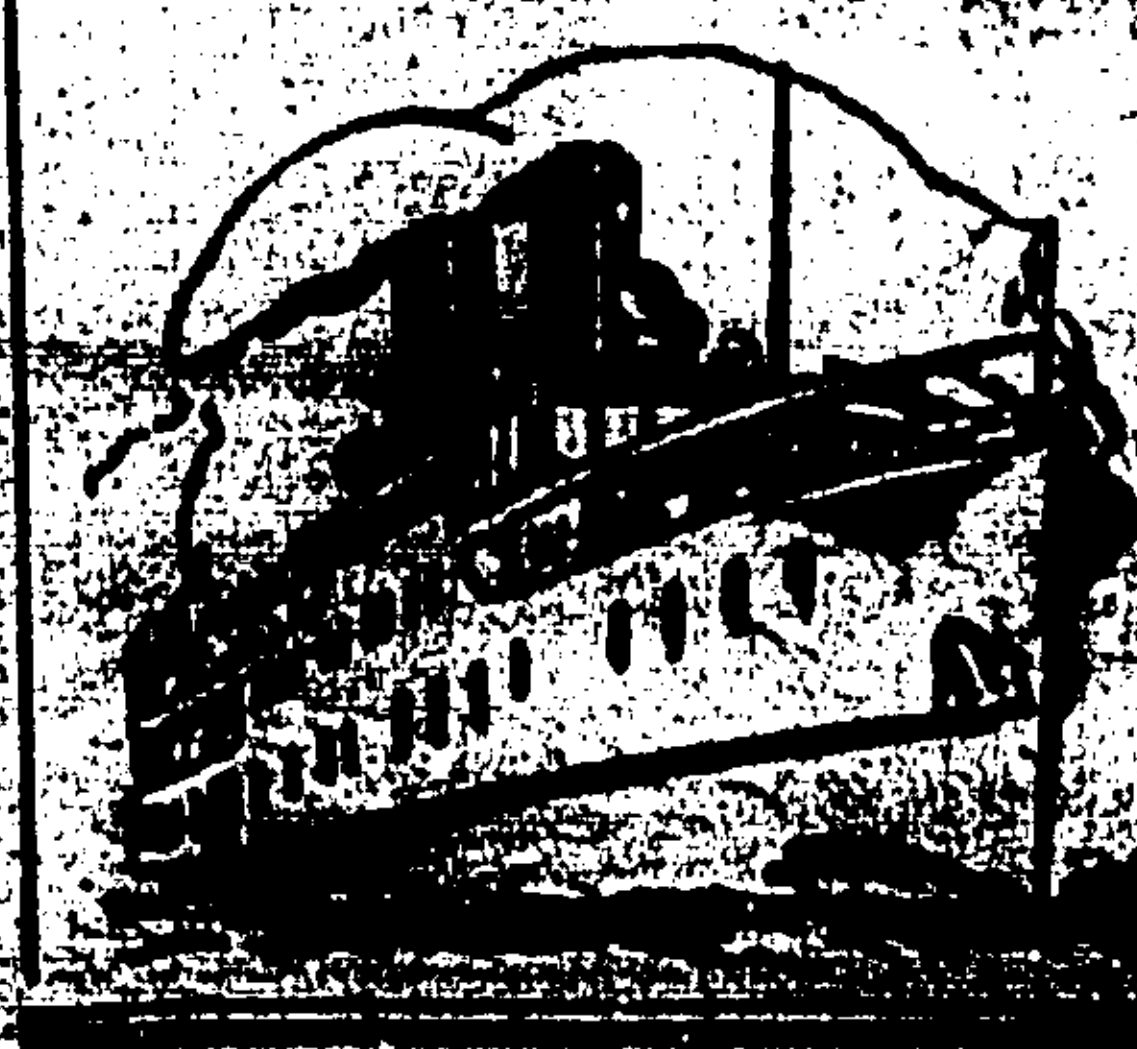
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AMERICAN FREIGHTER RELEASED

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.
THE AMERICAN FREIGHTER
PETER KERR, WHICH WAS DE-
TAINED BY ORDER OF THE UNIT-
ED STATES COURT FOR CHINA,
FOLLOWING A CLAIM FOR £1,500
DAMAGES FILED BY THE AGENTS
FOR THE GREEK STEAMER
DIONYSIOS STATHATOS, WAS
FREE TO SAIL LAST EVENING.

The American vessel was released
by the Court when a bond of £3,000
was posted by the Columbia Casualty
Company.

The two steamers collided in
the Whangpoo River on January
14 when the Peter Kerr was com-
ing from drydock.

Hearing of the case is taking place
before Judge Milton J. Helmick in
the United States Court on Febru-
ary 8.—Reuter.

HOCKEY CLUB TEAMS

The following teams have been selected
to represent Hong Kong Hockey Club in
matches arranged for the coming week.

"A" XI (versus Royal Air Force on Club
ground on Monday, at 5 p.m.):—H. W.
Brown; W. G. Schnabel and A. M. J. Wright;
J. V. Steven, H. J. D. Lowe and J. McGo-
wan; W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, E. F. A.
Morgan, E. W. Bannister and I. P. Tam-
worth.

1st XI (versus 8th Heavy Regiment Royal
Artillery on Club ground on Wednesday, at
5 p.m.):—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and
E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and
R. A. Bates; S. A. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G.
E. R. Divett (Capt.), T. D. Whitley and B.
I. Bickford.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong
dollar to-day was 1/2 13/16.

Silver was quoted in London yes-
terday at 22-1/4 for Spot and
22-1/4 for forward.

The London on New York rate
was quoted at £ — U.S.\$4.0250 and
the New York on London rate at
£—U.S.\$3.96-1/2.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Following are Royal Hong Kong Golf Club
starting times for Fanling:—

SATURDAY
Old Course
2.12 p.m. Lieut. Carter, Pay. Lt. Jessemann.
2.16 .. Lieut. Jack, Pay. Lt. Wheen.
2.40 .. D. L. Prophet, W. Hewitt.
2.44 .. W. M. Barton, P. S. Cassidy.

SUNDAY
Old Course
9.16 a.m. A. H. McBride, T. Megarry.
9.20 .. W. A. Stewart, W. J. S. Key.
9.24 .. H. H. Mundy, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.28 .. P. E. Annis, W. Harper.
9.32 .. E. J. Faggiano, H. M. Rowland.
9.36 .. A. Allison, J. Harrop.
9.40 .. R. G. Parker, Capt. Thursby.
9.44 .. R. C. Gairdner, W. Hewitt.
9.48 .. R. R. de L. Liesching, H. N.
Williamson.

9.52 .. H. S. Rees, J. G. Jensen.
9.56 .. H. F. Phillips, A. C. Meredith.
10.00 .. Brig. McLeod, S. H. Dodwell.
10.04 .. J. C. Taylor, A. B. Purves.
10.08 .. G. W. Ehrman, W. G. Robertson.
10.12 .. E. G. Price, J. F. Robinson.
10.16 .. R. Young, L. R. Andrews.
10.20 .. H. J. Armstrong, J. P. Murphy.
10.24 .. G. C. Worrall, Comdr. Hole.
10.28 .. W. L. Alexander, L. Jackson.
10.32 .. H. Overy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36 .. F. C. Young, R. J. Shrigley.
10.40 .. K. S. Robertson, W. W. C. She-
wan.

10.44 .. T. Low, J. W. Mayhew.
10.48 .. M. Pollock, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.52 .. A. D. S. Murray, W/Cdr. Steele
Perkins.
10.56 .. G. G. Aitkenhead, T. A. Pearce.
11.00 .. L. M. Wylie, D. J. Bosanquet.
11.04 .. B. D. Evans, D. D. Forbes.
11.08 .. H. J. D. Lowe, H. A. Mills.
11.12 .. D. J. Gilmore, K. S. Morrison.
11.16 .. D. L. Prophet, W. Park.
11.20 .. E. T. McMullen, D. Humphreys.
11.24 .. J. M. Pearson, L. A. R. Duncan.
11.28 .. A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

New Course
9.20 a.m. A. M. Kennedy*, M. G. Car-
ruthers*.
9.24 .. R. G. Gray*, Lieut. Carter*.
9.32 .. J. B. Harrison, D. P. Hughes.
9.44 .. H. F. Sommers, Snr. and Jr.
9.52 .. L. C. Hamlin, C. F. Marshall.
10.00 .. R. H. Gregory, T. E. Pearce.
10.08 .. Mrs. Behrman, Mrs. Robertson.
10.32 .. Mrs. Overy, Mrs. Mackenzie.
10.52 .. Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Steele Per-
kins.
11.16 .. Mrs. Prophet, Mrs. Park.
* Unsuccessful in ballot for Old Course.

CHESS

HOLDER DEFEATED

Appended are the results of matches play-
ed in the First Round of the Colony Chess
Championship. Quite an upset was the de-
feat of D. E. de Carvalho, the holder, by B.
S. Litvin, while A. Kurrik did well to draw
with a former champion, Sir Henry Pollock.
B. S. Litvin beat D. E. de Carvalho.
L. Blaire beat O. V. Praslov.
K. Weiss beat V. Kalatchoff.
E. Zimmern beat A. Y. Briukoff.
A. Kurrik drew with Sir H. Pollock.

The Hong Kong Chinese Federation have
arranged to meet the United Services on
Saturday, February 10 at Caroline Hill in
a charity football game in aid of the
B.W.O.F. and China War Relief Charity.

STRANGE HONESTY IN REICH

It is not often that one hears the
impartial voice of experts being rais-
ed in protest behind the blare of Nazi
propaganda in Germany itself. Such
a surprise, however, has been recently
provided by Herr Emil Helfferich, one
of Germany's foremost economists.
What is even more astonishing is that
the expert was allowed to "debunk"
the official theory of Germany's im-
munity against the Allied blockade,
and in no less a paper than Goering's
"Vierjahresplan". In an article print-
ed in this journal Helfferich openly
declares that all Germans must face
the facts of Germany's economic posi-
tion and admit the strangulation of
German trade by the Allies' blockade.
"As in 1914-1918", he writes, "Eng-
land's power has brought German
overseas trade to a complete stand-
still. German ships are lying in more
than a hundred harbours all over the
globe, and some of them have al-
ready been confiscated. Enormous
quantities of goods manufactured
against orders received and ready for
shipment are piled up blocking the
warehouses of the large German ports.
German importers cannot even un-
load or store goods which may arrive."

DISMAL PROPHECY

Herr Helfferich then recalls Hitler's
dictum that "Germany must export or
die", but goes on to add dismally that,
though "the whole of German import
and export trade has made the greatest
effort to carry out the Fuehrer's
wishes, yet in Kiel and Luebeck, in
Bremen and Hamburg, they are all
gradually heading for ruin." Helf-
ferich concludes his article with a plea
for Government measures to allevi-
ate the plight of German trade, and
above all for steps to improve traders'
finances which excessive taxation has
driven to the brink of collapse.

The publication of this article has
caused astonishment in the outside
world and also, of course, in many
German circles. So far, the only ex-
planation for this lapse into truth is
afforded by rumours of a quarrel be-
tween Goering and the Reichsbank
over the subsidising of exports. Goer-
ing, it seems may be attempting to
force German finance into a subsidies
policy by revealing something of
Germany's true condition to the public.

VERY DOUBTFUL

It seems, however, very doubtful
whether the financial situation would
permit of such a policy. The Econo-
mist has recently drawn attention to
the vast increase of private capital
issues in Germany since the outbreak
of war. The total of industrial capital
issues since the end of August con-
siderably exceeds 600 million Reich-
marks, including 500 millions for rail-
ways, whereas in the whole year, 1938,
private industrial issues only amount-
ed 107 millions. The Economist points
out that these developments are most
important as showing that the exist-
ing reserve capacity of German indus-
try is almost exhausted, especially as
regards railway rolling stock and in
the electrical industry. Renewals,
replacements and extensions have been
so long delayed that the diversion of
extensive resources to large-scale
capital works is now unavoidable.

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CALCUTTA GERM MURDER SENSATION

Amarendra Chandra Pande, 21, with a heavy interest in a rich ancestral estate, died of the plague in Calcutta on Dec. 4, 1932. Deaths of that kind are so common in that part of the world that nothing was thought of it at the time. The young man was ill for only five days. After he breathed his last the body was quickly burned and the ashes buried.

Ordinarily this would have meant the end of the case, but certain relatives recalled the fact that the dead man and his stepbrother, Benoyendra, had numerous disputes concerning the estate and an investigation was ordered. Many persons participated in the inquiry, but the chief credit seems to have belonged to a detective named Shivapada Majora.

It was a long and tedious piece of police work, but in the end it was solved with the assistance of a pair of spectacles, two white rats and a hypodermic syringe.

SPECTACLES ON NOSE

It seems that some months before his death the victim was presented with a pair of new spectacles by his stepbrother. He returned them with the statement that they did not fit. A witness was produced who said that

By
GEORGE BARTON

Benoyendra declared that this was all nonsense. It is averred that he placed them on the nose of Amarendra and forced the bridge down so firmly that the intended victim said: "It felt as if a vein in my head had burst." It is claimed that tetanus serum had been smeared on the bridge of the spectacles.

Soon after this he developed symptoms of lockjaw, but a physician was called and Amarendra recovered. This was certainly suspicious, but it was insufficient evidence with which to go into a court of law, so the tireless detective continued his investigations, going to Bombay to follow the movements of the suspect.

There Majora found that research was going on continually at the Haffkine Institute to find cures for diseases and poisons. The stepbrother had been there to obtain serum, but only qualified practitioners were permitted to take it from the institute. At this point a physician from Calcutta appeared on the scene. He obtained the cultures by saying he was experimenting with a cure for bubonic plague. Later it was found that he had been in close touch with Benoyendra.

Next a bird dealer in Bombay brought the information that the stepbrother had bought two white rats from him. Evidence was produced to show that the stomachs of the rats had been shaved, that the serum had

been rubbed into the skin and that the rats had died of the plague.

PRICK OF A NEEDLE

This brings us to the final scene in this melodramatic story from real life. It was Towrah Station in Bombay, a place that was always crowded. The trusting Amarendra was making his way through this place when he felt a sudden pricking of his arm. He thought nothing of it at the time, but continued on his journey to Pakaur. He returned the next day and was

NAZI MASS OFFENSIVE PREDICTED

London, Jan. 14.

In the next three months Hitler will throw the entire weight of the German Army on the Western front in an endeavour to break through the allied lines, Lord Milne declared in the "Sunday Chronicle" to-day.

A mass offensive is the only way for the Fuehrer to overcome his difficulties, Lord Milne added. If he waits too long, he will lose his chance.

Lord Milne does not believe that Hitler will refrain from attacking the neutral states if it is in his interest to do so.

Nothing can save the Fuehrer and his regime except a military victory and it must therefore be expected that Hitler will try to achieve one, the writer said.

It must also be expected, Lord Milne concluded, that Germany should fight according to the time-honoured German tactics of concentrating a maximum force at a decisive point of the enemy front.—Havas.

CANADA IN THE WAR

London, To-day.

Seventeen cities and towns are represented among 25 officers of the Army Co-operation Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, selected as the air force component of the First Canadian Division, Canadian Active Service Force.

It will be recalled that a squadron of the Canadian Royal Air Force is already in training in Britain.—British Wireless.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Government of the Netherlands Indies against arrivals from Hong Kong on account of cholera have been removed.



taken seriously ill with a fever. The doctors who were called in found a mark on his arm which they were unanimous in declaring came from a needle and a hypodermic syringe.

That prick of the needle was his death sentence. It had come about by the injection of plague bacilli at the thronged railway station. What he told the physicians concerning the incident played a leading part in the germ murder case which was to be before the courts of India between two and three years. It was a long-drawn-out case, with the accused man fighting every inch of the way.

Three doctors were indicted with the stepbrother. Two of them were acquitted on the ground that they were innocent of any deliberate wrongdoing. The physician who had obtained the cultures in Bombay was convicted on the ground that he had conspired to bring about the death of Amarendra. The stepbrother was doomed as being directly responsible.

GAMBLING GUNMAN FROM HONG KONG

Wong Shu-cheng, a former partner of the Yung Yuen Gambling House off Bubbling Well Road, who was recently arrested in Hongkong and sent to Shanghai, was brought before the First Special District Court and charged with murder, attempted murder and instigating a murder. Judgment is expected to be delivered this week.

It was alleged that in March of last year Wong made an abortive attempt on the life of Kao Ching-ken, a close follower of Chang Kong-mei, Wong's partner in the gambling business. Personal hatred was said to be the reason of the attack in which Wong himself was said to have fired several shots, wounding the victim seriously.

Wong and his men were so determined to get rid of Chang that they again waylaid him in Tifeng Road some time after the first shooting and killed him. He was also alleged to have yet plotted another murder that of Chang Hsin-mei, brother of his first victim, but he failed to carry out the plot. When Shanghai proved too hot for him Wong went to Hongkong where he was eventually arrested. Several other men connected with Wong's gang have previously been sentenced.

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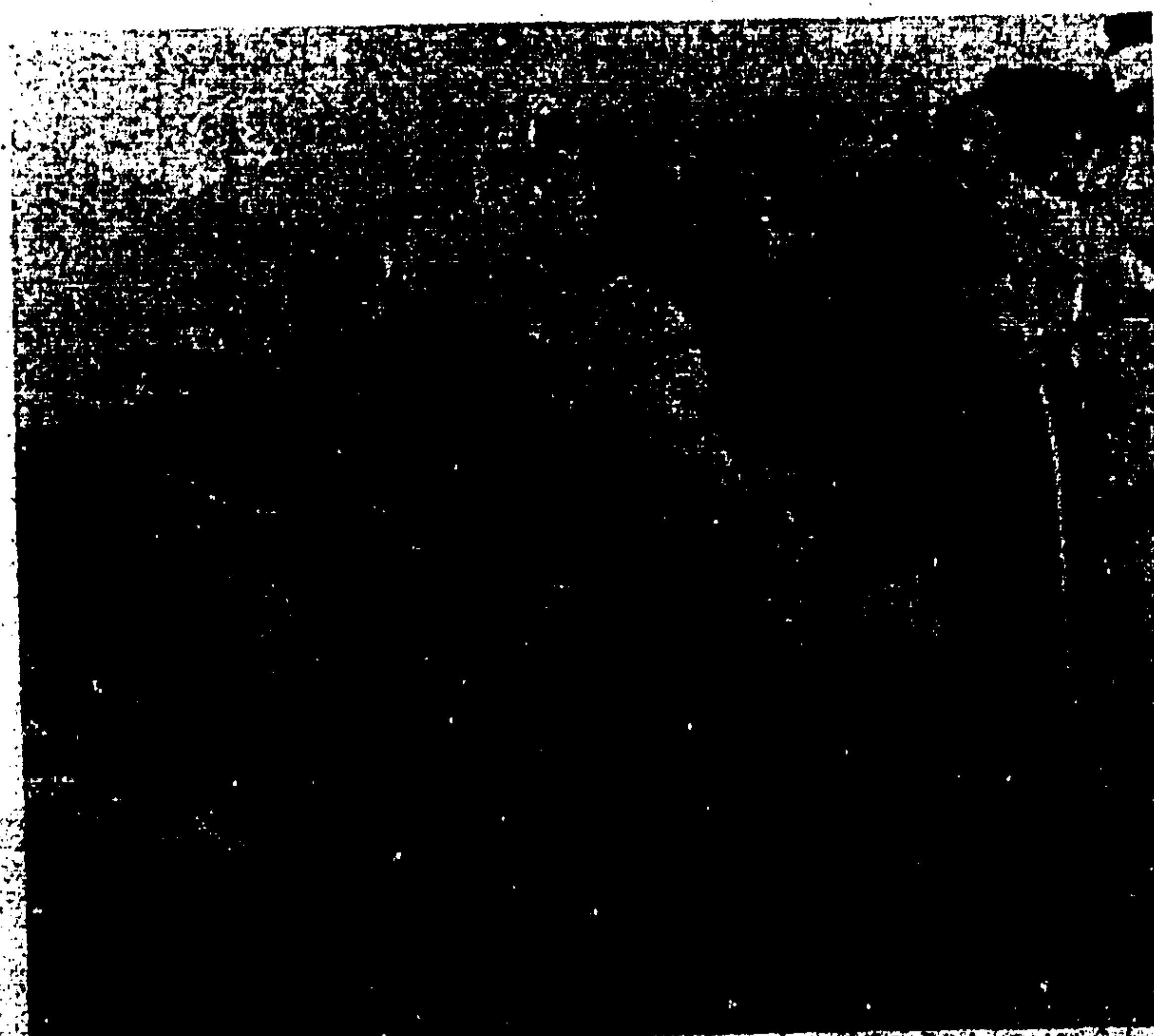
Happy children pose for our cameraman at the Russian Christmas party.



U.S. Navy Softball bans provide vocal support for the Tulsa.



A Tulsa player provides an exciting moment in the Softball match against the Chinese.



An attractive Pirate hits out in last Sunday's Softball match with the Cardinals.

BOWLING ALLEYS

By "STRIKE"

In my last week's jottings I erroneously mentioned that the Tulsa Duck Pin team had played the Alley team three times, and that the Tulsa team had won two matches and the Alley team one. This is not correct. I omitted to mention that on December 17, the Alley team beat the Tulsa team by the heaviest margin and this started the series of matches.

The position up to writing my last notes on January 13, was as follows:—

December 1: Alley 1948 and Tulsa 1897
December 5: Tulsa 1952 and Alley 1885
December 17: Alley 1987 and Tulsa 1851
January 5: Tulsa 2015 and Alley 1951

Since my last notes these teams have met in two further matches, both resulting in wins for the Alley team by very close margins, therefore this team have now won four games out of the six.

Tulsa may be depended upon to try and wipe out these deficits in the near future. There was a duck-pin match between the two teams on January 12, which resulted in a win for Alley Team by the low margin of 18 pins, the scores being:—

ALLEY TEAM		TULSA TEAM	
J. H. Watts	479	J. A. Vasko	1518
J. S. Landolt	483	C. F. Christensen	441
H. Slount	488	J. Vainio	439
R. H. Yide	441	O. F. Drewes	421

J. A. Vasko was the highest scorer with 1518 in his last and J. H. Watts had 479 in his last.

his. I was rather surprised at the dearth of scores over 100, only four being notched for the Tulsa—these were all made by Vasko—and two for the Alley team made by J. H. Watts.

An interesting feature of this match was the closeness of each team from game to game: so close and well matched are they that in the third game they were all level.

In the first game the Alleys were only nine up; they increased this in the second game to 40 pins in the lead; in the third game Tulsa levelled matters but in the fourth game the Alleys were 11 up, finally finishing on the fifth game with an 18-pins win.

Then again on January 16, there was another Duck Pin match between these teams. This was necessary, as I have mentioned earlier in my notes, because of the fact that the Alley team had won three out of the five matches played and this match was played to give the Tulsa a chance to balance off the matches.

On this occasion the Alley team again won by 23 pins, thus making it four matches in favour of Alley Team to Tulsa's two. The result of the match was as follows:—

ALLEY TEAM		TULSA TEAM	
H. Slount	517	O. F. Drewes	426
J. S. Landolt	497	J. A. Vasko	425
J. H. Watts	472	J. Vainio	425
R. Yide	450	C. J. Christensen	424

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SOCCER

SAIGON TO PLAY THREE GAMES IN HONG KONG

Powerful Combination; Good Wins Over H.K. Sides

CIVILIANS' LAI WAH CUP XI

The following have been chosen to represent the Civilians against the Chinese in the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Cup competition on Sunday, January 28 at Causeway Bay.

Taylor (Police); Blackburn (Police) and Bone (Club); Maxwell (Kowloon); Williamson (Kowloon) and Honniball (St. Joseph's); Fowler (Club); W. Pryde (Club); B. Gosano (St. Joseph's); A. V. Gosano (St. Joseph's) and Bickford (Club).
RESERVES:—Farrow (Club); Hussain (St. Joseph's); D. Leonard (St. Joseph's); and E. Strange (St. Joseph's).
Manager:—Mr. J. Skinner.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

(Continued from page 22)

HIGH SCORING

On this occasion one could not complain of the dearth of scores over 100, there being no fewer than 11 registered. The Alley team notched seven and Tulsa four.

Highest individual score for any one game was made by Landolt with 128, the second being by H. Blount with 118.

It is really a pleasure to watch these two teams in action against each other; the spirit of camaraderie and good sportsmanship is quite evident to all who witness their matches.

In this match Tulsa started off in the first game with a 41 lead, but the Alley team reduced this in the second game by 17 pins to make the score 24 up for the Tulsa. In the third game the Alley team further reduced the score by eight, to make the Tulsa still up by 16 pins; in the fourth game the Alley team reduced it still further by one pin, but in the fifth game they ran away to win by 52 pins. It was a very interesting match to watch.

There was quite an interesting Ten Pin match played on January 11 in the second round of the Singles Handicap Competition between M. Talan and Sam Golden. As far as handicaps were concerned there was very little in it because Talan received 12 and Golden 15.

Talan won by 43 pins the individual scores being as follows:—

M. Talan... 468 and Sam Golden... 425. If Golden had not failed in his third game there would have been a much closer finish.

HOLLIS IN LEAD

Up to time of writing these notes Hollis of Mindanao is still top score for the month for Ten Pins, but there were two very close "shaves" that might have taken his name down from the Alley record board, or at least have given Hollis a headache. As I have mentioned in previous notes, it is the ambition of all indoor Bowlers to have

their name on the permanent record board in the Alleys.

On January 16, Dick Venezia looked like getting very close or even beating Hollis's 252, by making 215, his effort being spare, four strikes in a row, a nine, a strike, spare, strike, spare, to finish up with a nine with his extra ball.

And on the same day Spenko of the Tulsa made 211, made up with two strikes, a spare, four strikes in a row, a nine, a spare, to finish up with an eight with his extra ball.

I expect that in my next week's notes I will have some very interesting matches to comment upon, because we have another old friend in Port, viz. the U.S.S. Gold Star. Occasion will be taken to match this ship against Tulsa, Champs, and Alley team in Duck Pins and Ten Pins. I was sorry to hear that Cleason of the Gold Star, one of the best duck-pin bowlers who has visited the Port, has left this vessel, and has gone home to the States. As I have already stated, however, the Gold Star has some very good Ten Pin and Duck Pin players, and we should be treated to some real good bowling.

LOCAL TEAM SELECTED; FEW CHINESE

(By "REFEREE")

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Management Committee of Hong Kong Football Association was held last night to make arrangements in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Saigon Football Federation during Chinese New Year.

Negotiations have been going on for some time and it was only last night that a cable was received stating that Saigon were prepared to accept.

It was decided that three games be arranged for the visitors, the first against the Interport team will be played on Chinese New Year day, February 8. The following day they will meet Eastern, last year's runners up, and on Sunday, February 10 they will meet South China, the champions.

Saigon visited Hong Kong late in May 1938 and gave great performances in all their five games.

Saigon have beaten both the South China and Eastern teams when these teams visited Saigon, South China being narrowly defeated by 4-3, while Eastern were beaten by nine clear goals.

The best a Chinese team have done

against Saigon was when the All-china Olympic team played a four-all draw.

All the games will be played at Causeway Bay starting at 3.30 p.m.

The visitors are due to arrive on February 7 and will be leaving on February 13.

H.K. SIDE NOMINATED

The Hong Kong team was also chosen last night and contrary to

Saigon XI's Record Here In 1938

drew with South China	1-1
beat HONG KONG	4-0
beat Navy	6-2
beat Army	3-0
lost to South China	2-3

expectations fewer Chinese have been included in the team than anticipated.

Robinson has been given preference to Cheung Wing-choy but the rest of the defence is the best that could be selected. It is interesting to note that this is the first Interport team in five years that has not included

THE TEAM

The following have been chosen to represent Hong Kong against Saigon. Robertson (Navy).

Blackbourn (Police).
Lee Tin-sang (S. China "A").

Soong Ling-sing (S. China "A").
Williamson (Kowloon).
Hsu King-sing (Eastern).

G. Fowler (Club).
Fung King-cheong (S. China "A").
Lee Wai-tong (S. China "A").
Thorburn (Navy).
Bickford (Club).

RESERVES:—Duncan (Royal Scots), Lee Kwok-wai (Kwong Wah), Freshwater (Middlesex), Lai Shu-wing (S. China "A").

The manager is Mr. W. E. Hollands.

Leung Wing-chui.

Mystery surrounds Fowler. It has been stated that he will not be able to obtain leave for Shanghai and as a result he has been chosen to play against Saigon.

It is learned this morning that Fowler may still go to Shanghai and a definite reply is expected this afternoon.

In the forward line Thorburn has been entrusted with the inside-left position in place of Lai Shu-wing.

Next Wednesday, the team to play Saigon will meet the United Services in a practice game, while on January 31 the team for Shanghai will meet the Federation team in aid of Charity.

INTERPORT HOCKEY

At a meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Hockey Association last night it was decided to invite Macao to play here on March 24.

UNINTERESTING KOTEWALL CUP MATCH YESTERDAY

(By "REFEREE")

THE KOTEWALL CUP CHARITY game at Caroline Hill yesterday was far from interesting and did not aid charity to any great extent. It resulted in Army beating Navy by 5 goals to 1.

Army made several changes in their advertised team and Hossack's place was taken by Fox of Royal Engineers who made an auspicious debut in representative games by scoring all the goals for his side and giving a good all round display. He worked hard and fed well, and, added to this, was always in position for a pass.

Moxham, the Interport goal-keeper, did not have much to do as he had two good backs before him in Hills and Naysmith, of Royal Scots. Guy in the pivotal position worked hard, and though rugged was safe in his tackling.

UNABLE TO SETTLE DOWN

Navy were never able to settle down and relied too much on individual

play. Hendy led the attack and, together with O'Regan, was the only forward to be able to make any headway against Army.

Army took the lead within the first five minutes through Fox, who scored from close range, and the same player added another shortly after as the result of good passing from Saw. Before the interval Fox registered his hat-trick with a good drive.

On resuming Navy played better but Army again scored through Fox, before Hendy reduced the deficit with a good shot. Fox scored again shortly before time.



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It is now getting close to the time for the Inter-Unit Novices' Boxing Competition and full particulars have already been circulated.

The competition is being held at Murray Barracks on the 5th, 6th, and 8th of February, 1940, with the following units taking part:—

Royal Artillery.
Royal Engineers.
The Royal Scots.
The Middlesex Regiment.
Combined Small Units.

There is a possibility that there may also be a team from the various details in Hong Kong.

The programme is likely to be a big one if entries come up to expectations and a very attractive list has been arranged. A heavyweight contest at catchweight heads the bills, but I hope that there is more attraction in this event this year than last, when entries were extremely low.

In the Middleweight competition there will be three strings from each unit, and the welterweight contests will see four strings taking part. In the Lightweight events three fighters will represent each unit and in the featherweight division, two. The light-heavy and bantamweights will only be represented by one fighter from each unit.

No doubt between now and the big date there will be many boxers seen taking the same care of their figures as a modern miss and doing their best to get that extra pound of superfluous flesh off before going to the scales.

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

A good manager is half the victory with a boxer, and the lucky ones who have exceptional trainers as well, who can reduce their charge without weakening him, are almost certain to give the best value in the ring.

Exceptions are always cropping up of course who can do little or no training and enter the ring as fit as the next man, but there is no doubt that 90 per cent. of a victory is contributed before the boxer ever steps into the ring.

A SPORT which seems to have almost died out as regards the junior ranks in the Army is yachting. At one time not so many years ago one could see flocks of small but efficient yachts off Sham Shui-po, but these days they have greatly diminished in number and those that are there are mostly owned by officers.

A large number of the members of R.H.K.Y.C. are Army officers, but as the membership of this club is beyond the reach of other ranks there is not a great deal of encouragement for them to sail.

Those veterans who still crawl around at week-ends and half days in

their sailing dinghies must feel sorry that there is not more interest shown. In the past, when battalions moved from the Colony, there were always several quite efficient boats going cheap and it was astonishing the enjoyment one could get from them.

At one time an effort was made to float a sort of yachting club amongst these fans, but to the best of my knowledge it came to nothing and things have gradually gone from bad

to worse until now there are but a mere handful of owners, who rarely sail. It would be a great thing if some enterprising person could get the people together and organise some sort of cruises and races for those who are still keen, as I think once things got started the sport would attract many more if it could be seen how enjoyable it was.

NOW that the camping season is around once more there is likely to be many postponements of sports events than there have been up to the present this year. This season has been one of the best in this respect for many years and I cannot remember a time when games and sports have gone so far as per programme.

"Y" LADIES' TEAMS

Following teams have been selected to represent "Y" Ladies in week-end hockey matches:—

FIRSTS—v. St. Andrew's Ladies on C.B.A. ground at 3.00 p.m.: Mrs. Harrington; Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Strange; Miss M. McCaw; Mrs. Starbuck and Miss Pocock; Mrs. Burnett, Miss Harker, Miss D. McCaw, Mrs. Gardner and Miss Buchanan.

SECONDS—v. Revere on "Y" ground at 3.00 p.m.: Mrs. Trimmer; Miss Dunne and Mrs. Grieve; Miss Strange, Miss Stokes and Mrs. Ashman; Mrs. Bicknell, Miss Russell, Miss Bradbury, Mrs. Macklin and Mrs. Peters.

ST. ANDREW'S TEAM

The following will represent St. Andrew's against "Y" Ladies in a Caer Clark Cup

match to-morrow on the "Y" ground at 3 p.m.:—J. Hall; G. White and M. da Roza; S. West, J. Wong and B. Greaves; F. Wong, M. Churn, Mrs. P. Bliss, H. Reid and S. Roberts.

TENNIS

A return match has been arranged between K.C.C. and K.B.G.C. for Sunday, play to commence at 2.30 p.m. The following have been selected to represent K.C.C.:—

LADIES: Mrs. Blandford, Mrs. Crabb, Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Kevan, Mrs. Millard, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Wexham, Mrs. G. A. White.
MEN: Messrs. J. A. Madar (Captain), H. W. Crabb, E. Curtis, G. M. Gillard, T. C. Kevan, S. O. Elise, A. C. Perry, H. Wexham, P. Wynter-Blyth.

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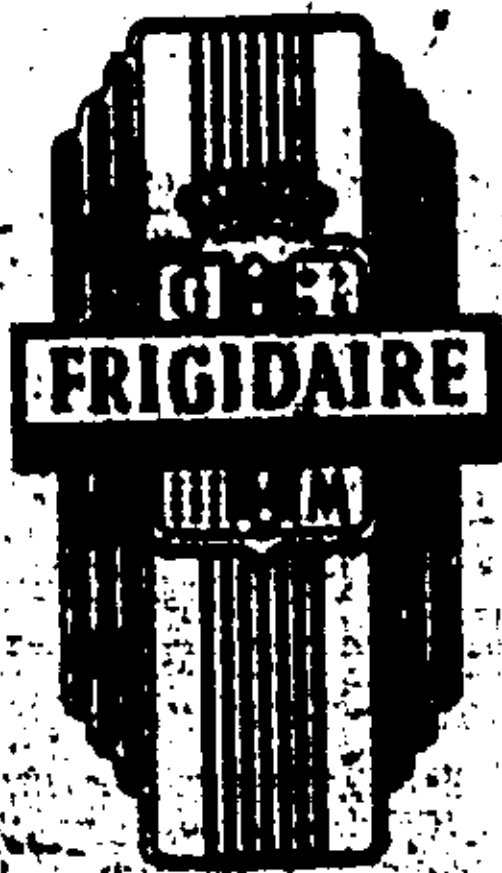
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BADMINTON NOTES

IMPROVEMENT TO MOST COURTS NECESSARY

Standard Will Not Be Raised Until This Is Done

EXAMPLE OF K.C.C. AND RECREIO

(By "ADREM")

I COMMENTED RECENTLY on the smoothness with which League badminton was being conducted this season, which fact I attributed to the keenness of the clubs concerned.

I have since had my attention drawn to the slackness of these clubs, in the respect that although badminton is played regularly, some of their courts are, quite unnecessarily, hardly fit to be played on.

Badminton is a game which is not dependent on weather conditions and is consequently of immense value in the matter of regular exercise and recreation.

The fact that it is played indoors, however, combined with the difficulties which accompany a game in which artificial lighting is used, make it imperative that the lighting and general conditions are as near perfect as circumstances permit.

ONLY TWO GOOD COURTS

It is in this connection that clubs have definitely been slack. To my recollection there are only two courts in the Colony on which the necessary effort has been made. They are Recreio and K.C.C.

The improvement this season in the former club is astonishing, and, when one stops to consider the matter, so little was necessary to achieve this improvement.

The lighting now is nearly perfect. They have the usual form of side-lights but by screening the ends players are not troubled by direct glare.

Both ends of the court are covered by green screens, which, I admit, could be higher, but nevertheless make a big difference to the speed with which it is possible to "slight" a smash or a drive.

The surface is the most pleasing feature. All semblance of slipperiness has been ob-

viated by the regular application of soda and water which removes all the grease and yet does not damage the floor—actually the floor takes polish much better after such treatment.

BADMINTON-CUM-SKATING!

After playing on most local courts, where, in addition to one's other troubles, one has to be something of a skater, a game on this type of surface has to be experienced to be appreciated!

K.C.C. has similar lighting and their dark screens are perfect. Biggest drawback at the moment is the floor. On Wednesday in the League match against V.R.C., it was so difficult to keep a footing that the standard, not unnaturally, never reached the heights it might have done.

Such is the keenness of K.C.C. to get their court into the finest possible condition, however, that I have little doubt that this matter will soon be rectified.

If I sat down to write a criticism of all the courts in the Colony which could be made as good as these two but which haven't simply because of slackness, I should probably need far more space than is available. I can do no better than to recommend that badminton conveners make a study of conditions at either Recreio or K.C.C. and thus ascertain what can be done at small expense and little trouble.

A DEBT

In the interests of badminton, with special regard to possible improvement in standard, this much is owing to the Association which has tried so hard and thus far so efficiently to encourage this comparatively youthful local game.

A SIMILARITY IN NAMES!

There are many local badminton players who are under the impression that the A. Chong, who partners Patrick Wong in the Chinese "Y" team, is the partner with whom Wong won the doubles title some years ago. This is not correct; Chng, the man in question, has left the Colony.

POOR SHOWING OF K.C.C.

(By "ADREM")

Only one match was played in Mixed Doubles Division, the keenly-awaited fixture between University and Recreio "A" being postponed owing to the indisposition of several members of the latter team.

I expected K.C.C. and Talkoo to have a great struggle but much to my surprise, the latter team were only able to win one game.

In fairness to them, however, it must be stated that they were not at full strength, although how far the presence of their regular mixed players would have affected the result is problematical!

Neither Mr. and Mrs. Kevan, nor Miss Harker were able to turn out and, in consequence, three players made their first appearances in League badminton.

J. L. Anderson and Miss Stokes, however, should have done better than they did. The Talkoo team took full advantage of their opportunities and only Gilles and Miss Cunningham met with defeat. Clarke and Mrs. Beattie, and Mr. and Mrs. Main were in great form and were never extended.

BADMINTON PAIRINGS

Following are leading pairings in the three divisions of the Badminton League:—

"A" DIVISION

	Games
	P. L. W.
C. Au and H. Koh (C.Y.M.C.A.)	6 0 0
T. J. Ong and F. Koh (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	6 0 0
P. S. Bun and M. S. Lim (University "A")	6 0 0
C. K. Lee and H. F. Chen (University "A")	6 0 0
P. H. Wong and A. Chong (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	6 0 0
P. K. Hui and K. L. Yong (University "A")	5 1 4
M. A. Oliveira and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	6 2 4
M. A. Oliveira and J. J. Remedios (Recreio)	6 3 3
L. A. Carvalho and A. M. Silva (Recreio)	6 3 3
P. H. Wong and P. C. Lau (Chinese Y.M.C.A.)	3 0 3
K. S. Yeo and K. L. Hui (University "B")	3 0 3
T. C. Chiu and S. L. Young (University "B")	6 3 3
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	6 3 3

"B" DIVISION

	Games		
	P.	L.	W.
H. T. Weo and K. L. Lui (King's)	18	3	15
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	2	13
John Chen and F. Tsang (St. Teresa's)	15	3	12
P. Wilson and N. L. Smith (St. John's)	12	1	11
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	12	2	10
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ke (K. Tong)	15	6	9
A. E. Xavier and H. A. Barros (Recreio)	9	1	8
H. Eardley and R. C. Beavan (St. John's)	9	2	7
N. A. E. Mackay and B. P. C. Fletcher (K. Tong)	9	2	7

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios (Recreio "A")	9	1	8
H. F. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier (Recreio "B")	12	4	8
Mrs. P. Wilson and D. Kwok (St. John's)	9	2	7
P. K. Hui and Miss Uhang Khoo (University)	6	0	6
P. S. Bun and Miss Ulan Khoo (University)	6	0	6
N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios (Recreio "B")	6	0	6
Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira (Recreio "A")	6	1	5
Mrs. N. Strange and F. H. Kwok (St. John's)	9	4	5
H. Eardley and Miss D. Eardley (St. John's)	6	1	5
C. C. Pereira and Miss C. Silva (Recreio "B")	9	4	5
Mr. and Mrs. R. Main (Talkoo)	12	8	4

"A" DIVISION

CHUNG WAH FARE QUITE WELL

(By "ADREM")

There was little of note in "A" Division, two matches which had little bearing on the League being played.

Recreio, however, playing without J. J. Remedios, did well to beat University "B" as convincingly as they did. Oliveira and Silva were in irresistible form to win all three games very decisively, whilst L. A. Carvalho and Nick Beltrao only lost one game, and that after a hard struggle.

Far more interesting, notwithstanding the seemingly crushing defeat of Chung Wah, was their fixture with Chinese "Y," now acknowledged as the greatest menace to University "A."

Some of the games provided an excellent standard of badminton and the improvement apparent in the Chung Wah team appears to indicate a success or two before the end of the season.

Their best pair were the jockeys, C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang. Losing their first game of the evening, they played so much better subsequently that they did not meet with another reverse.

W. H. Choy and S. S. Li, also played well against C. Lau and T. C. Lau and only lost, after a great tussle, by 19-21.

"B" DIVISION

ST. JOHN'S ONLY TEAM TO REMAIN UNBEATEN

(By "ADREM")

MOST NOTABLE badminton result of the week was the victory of St. John's over King's College in "B" Division. This success takes St. John's to the head of the table, they being the only team to have retained an unbeaten record.

So far as I can tell at this stage, their chief challengers are likely to be St. Teresa's and Club de Recreio, both of whom have only lost once, whilst King's, although they have slipped considerably, cannot be left out of the reckoning despite their two reverses in six matches.

As I anticipated, when weighing up the chances of St. John's and King's, the latter's weak third string proved too big a handicap for the other two pairs, who, although playing gallantly, were unable to win more than two games apiece.

I was surprised at the lack of success of the Kwok brothers and Henry Eardley and R. Beavan, having regard also, to the fact that they were playing on their own court. I can only attribute their comparative failure to the strenuous efforts of S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung and K. L. Lui and H. T. Woo.

CHAN'S FINE FORM

Chan, I am told, was in great form. He was almost impossible to beat outright and his cunning disguise of pace and direction kept his opponents guessing all the time. Chung, given this fine example, rose to unexpected heights.

Lui and Woo's chief asset was their combination. Lui's smashing was deadly and he was given ample opportunity to use this stroke frequently, as Woo's beautifully-angled drop-shots forced St. John's to push up numerous weak returns which were just what the doctor ordered for a man with a smash!

Liang and Lo were outclassed, proving much too slow in all respects to have any hope of winning games against a team of the calibre of St. John's.

Norman Smith and Peter Wilson were the heroes of the evening, their three games, definitely giving St. John's the points. Smith was the better of the two; his coverage of the baseline and powerful smashing making many openings for Wilson at the net.

The fact that he played a hard game of Ruppel in the afternoon gives added merit to Wilson's performance.

RECREIO EXTENDED

Recreio did not have matters all their own way against Kowloon Tong and at one stage they were definitely anxious, to say the least!

The suburbanites hung on grimly throughout two rounds by which stage they had gained the confidence which Recreio were rapidly losing.

The situation at the commencement of the third round was interesting. Previously Mackay and Fletcher had badly shaken H. Gonsalves and Marques by overhauling them on the post and beating them 21-18. It was quite on the cards therefore that Lee and Ko, who rank as Kowloon Tong's best pair, would repeat the performance.

It would then have been left to Mackay and Fletcher to beat Barros and Xavier, a task of which they were quite capable on their showing in the previous game.

With Ko playing in a most lackadaisical manner, however, Lee was put off his game and disruption in combination proved fruitful ground for the accurate game of Gonsalves and some neat touches by his partner.

THRILLING GAME

Next game between Mackay and Fletcher and Barros and Xavier proved the most thrilling of the evening.

Although eventually beaten by 21-14, the Kowloon Tong pair were actually "making" more points than their opponents. It was level pegging until the visiting pairing reached 14 but then a series of Kowloon Tong serving errors and a long string of points which Xavier ran off on his service, decided the issue and although the visiting pair fought desperately, they were unable to retrieve the situation.

Beltrao and Yvanovich fared badly against the better visiting combinations chiefly through the latter's poor positional play. He was apt to drop back too far and thus cramp Beltrao's stroke-making efforts.

As the result of K.C.C.'s big win over V.R.C., there can be little doubt that the latter team will finish up, as they say in baseball, in the "cellar position."

Two K.C.C. pairs were unbeaten but their third string fared badly and did not register one win.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES

Following is the programme for today's Mixed Doubles Badminton League matches and some of the teams. Recreio "B" v Recreio "A" K.C.C. v St. John's

Recreio "A"—Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira; Miss O. Ribeiro and J. J. Remedios; L. A. Carvalho and Miss M. Ribeiro.

Recreio "B"—C. C. Pereira and Miss C. M. Silva; H. Gonsalves and Miss M. Xavier; N. Beltrao and Miss S. Remedios.

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 "Music In The Air"—Medley (Hammerstein & Kern).
 12.44 p.m.—The Hill Billies.
 1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
 1.03 p.m.—DANCE MUSIC by Henry Jacques and His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.
 Quickstep—Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot—Moonlight and Roses; Quickstep—Take A Tip

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 1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—B.B.C. RECORDING—"The Village Concert". A Programme devised by Frederick Grisewood and Presented by William MacLurg.

2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

6.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
 Fox-Trots—You Never Looked So Beautiful (film 'The Great Ziegfeld'); You (film 'The Great Ziegfeld') . . . Jimmy Dorsey & His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—The One Rose; Waltz—Secret Rendezvous . . . Victor Young & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Somebody Stole My Gal; Temptation Rag . . . The Ballyhoolligans.

Pasodobles—Por Mi Morena; Curro En El Oro . . . Orquesta Tipica Roberto Firpo.

Fox-Trot—He Was A Gentleman's Gentleman; Slow Fox-Trot—Blazin' The Trail . . . Billy Cotton & His Band.

Waltz—It's A Sin To Tell A Lie; Fox-Trot—A Rendezvous With A Dream (film 'Poppy') . . . Shep Fields and His Rippling Rhythm Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—A Nice Cup Of Tea (Cochran's Revue 'Home and Beauty'); Love Me To-day (Cochran's Revue 'Home and Beauty') . . . Peter Yorke & His Orchestra.

Tangos—Dreams In Spring; The Tango Of My Heart . . . Robert Renard Dance Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Nagasaki; I Ain't Got Nobody . . . Cab Calloway & His Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—And Then Some . . . Paul Whiteman & His Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.

7.02 p.m.—Stuart Robertson (Baritone) and the Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

Richard Of Taunton Deane (arr. Molloy); Widdicombe Fair (arr. Jacob) . . . Stuart Robertson (Baritone) with Male Chorus and Piano.

Nautical Moments (arr. Winter & Duthoit) . . . The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

The Changing Of The Guard—Ceremony . . . The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards cond. by Capt. George Miller.

Silent Moon (Vaughan Williams); Myself When Young ('In a Persian Garden'—Lehman) . . . Stuart

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Wickham Stead on "World Affairs."

9.45 p.m.—Violin Solos.

Waltz in E Flat Major (Brahms) Danza Espanola (De Falla, arr. Kreisler) . . . Isalde Menges with Piano accomp. by Eileen Beattie.

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South, Dealer

♠ K J 10 8 5
 ♥ A 7 6 4
 ♦ K 10 2
 ♣ 3

N
 W E
 S

♠ A 7
 ♥ K Q
 ♦ A Q J 8 6 3
 ♣ K Q 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3NT	Pass	4♦	Pass
6♦	Pass	Pass	Pass

This hand is a fine example of the weakness of using the opening bid of three with a good hand, the reason being that once this bid is made, the partnership loses at least one round of bidding and hence the opportunity to exchange a great deal of valuable information. The bidding as shown in the way we recommend it. However, an opening bid of two diamonds, while a very slight overbid, would not really be unsound. Following that bid, North's response would be two spades. South would bid three diamonds, North three hearts, South three notrump, North six diamonds, and then the

opening bidder would pass since he would realise that the Ace of clubs was off the hand.

It is interesting to note that if South opens with one, he does practically all the bidding from then on; if he opens with two, North does all the early bidding.

You were Merwin Maier's partner yesterday and held:

♠ K 5
 ♥ 9 6 2
 ♦ K 10 9
 ♣ 10 6 5 4 3

The bidding:

You	Burnstone	Maier	Schenken
Pass	Pass	1NT	Pass
(?)			

ANSWER: Bid two clubs. This bid informs partner that you are too weak to raise to two notrump. At the same time your two Kings are enough to give him a "chance" in case he has an unusually strong notrump.

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You are Declarer at four spades on the following hand:

♠ x x
 ♥ A K J x
 ♦ A 10 8 x
 ♣ 10 9 x

Dummy
 N
 W E
 S

You
 ♠ K Q J 10 9 x
 ♥ x x
 ♦ Q J x
 ♣ K J x

A small diamond is opened. How do you play the hand?

(Answer to-morrow.)

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 1. Sonata in G Minor, Op. 22; 2. Carnival de Vienne.
 8.28 p.m.—Dvorak—Slavonic Rhapsody, Op. 45, No. 3.
 Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.
 8.42 p.m.—Songs by Jussi Bjorling (Tenor).
 Oh Paradise! ('L'Africana'—Meyerbeer); Heavenly Aida, divine Aida ('Aida'—Verdi); Your Tiny Hand Is Frozen ('La Boheme'—Puccini).
 8.55 p.m.—Song by Margarete Teschemacher (Soprano).
 Verwandlung Der Daphne Auf "Daphne"—Wind . . . spiele m. mir; (R. Strauss) . . . with Orchestral accompaniment.
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Amsterdam, To-day.

Formation of the Yonai Cabinet in Japan has caused deep disappointment in Berlin, where it was hoped that the ministerial crisis would result in strengthening the extremist elements in Japan.

Press comments in Germany are extremely reserved.

The "Koelnische Zeitung" says: "It

"Our decision is motivated by our stern belief that the sufferings of men will not be in vain, and that we are preparing a new and better civilisation.

"History shows that one war does not necessarily pave the way for another war, and we hope to be able from now on to prevent the forces of evil being unleashed again."

Sir Ronald ended by stressing the high value of American sympathy for the Allied cause.

M. Holma, Finnish Minister in Paris, attended the dinner and was acclaimed upon arrival. — Havas.

would be premature to predict the policy Admiral Yonai will follow.

"However we can say right now that Admiral Yonai's appointment has caused some surprise, and the atmosphere in which the new Japanese Cabinet meets is far from favourable." — Havas.



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London, To-day.

The German radio states that over 85,000 Germans who lived in Russian-occupied Poland have moved into German-occupied Poland.—Reuter.

Tokyo, To-day.

The share market, which slumped earlier in the week through fears that the Yonai Cabinet would pursue a deflationary policy, partly firmed up yesterday. This was due, according to the "Chugai Shogyo," leading commercial daily, to the belief of certain speculators that the prevailing economic and financial situation may prevent a deflationary policy from being carried out.—Reuter.

Macao, To-day.

Travellers arriving from Canton state that Canton is suffering from a shortage of rice and other foodstuffs.

Looting of rice shops has occurred in several parts of the city. Many looters have been arrested.—Our Own Correspondent.

It is announced that the annual Colony lawn tennis championship, held under the auspices of Hong Kong Cricket Club, will commence on March 4.

Entries for the singles event will be limited to 64 and for the doubles to 32 pairs. The Club reserve the right to reject any entry if entries exceed these figures.

The usual Club events will also be held and entries will close on February 24.

London, To-day.

The presence of fighter patrols of the R.A.F. over the North Sea is making steadily more difficult Germany's latest activities on the sea in the form of minelaying by seaplanes and indiscriminate bombing and machinegunning of merchantmen and fishingboats, according to an authoritative source.

Since the patrol was started there have only been one or two instances of minelaying by seaplanes.

Coastal command aircraft on the daily reconnaissance patrols have destroyed a number of German raiders.—Reuter.

The Yacht Club is transferring to its new headquarters on Kellett Island early in February, the "China Mail" learns.

The new clubhouse is still in course of construction, but one wing is practically completed and it is proposed to use this wing for races this week-end. Changing rooms a temporary bar and teas will be available.

The monthly subscription of the Club is being raised from \$3 to \$5 as from January 1.

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